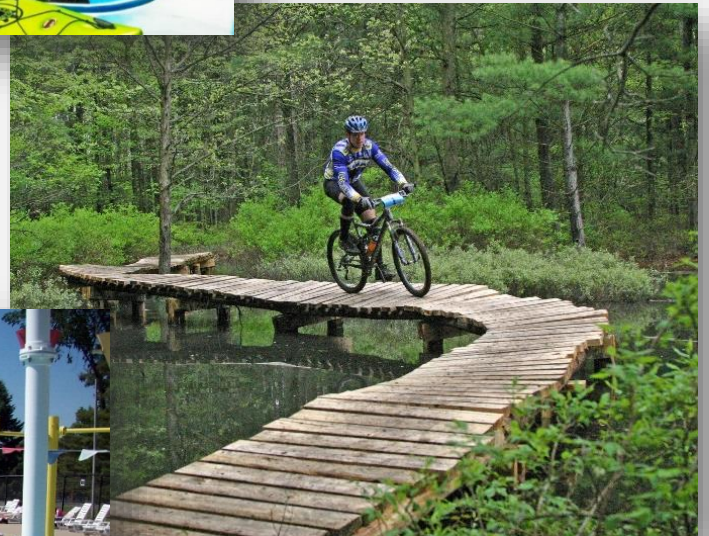




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I. Introduction

About the City of Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The City of Midland has developed this Parks & Recreation Master Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. This document forms the basis to guide policy for implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the Midland community.

This plan replaces the previous “City of Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2010-2015.” This plan is a revision of the previous plan that was completed with the assistance of Spicer Group, Inc., and includes both original information and new information as appropriate. This plan was guided by the City of Midland Parks and Recreation Commission, with input from the Parks supervisory staff team and the assistance of consultant PM Blough, Inc. of Grand Haven, Michigan.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand the needs of the residents, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of projects are relevant for residents based on age, ability, population, density and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan has carefully considered input and suggestions via active communication from area residents, city officials and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan, and, together, the voices of Midland have united to develop a recreation plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

The foundation for the development of the Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community in the process to develop a five-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan,
- Identify and map existing Midland recreational facilities,
- Build common ground among Midland stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the City,
- Enable Midland to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Parks & Recreation Master Plan,
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives and actions, and



- Continue to support and implement improvements for barrier-free, Universal Access to City parks.

Broadly speaking, Midland officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within the City. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for *Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved recreation plan is necessary for the City of Midland to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Parks & Recreation Master Plan is written for the City of Midland, and it covers all aspects of recreation within the community.





II. Community Description

All about the City of Midland

The City of Midland is the county seat and largest municipality in Midland County (see Figure 1). Located on the eastern side of the County, Midland is known as one of the three communities comprising the Tri-Cities, along with Bay City in Bay County and Saginaw in Saginaw County. These cities serve as the employment and commercial centers for the tri-county area, and are also key communities in the larger Great Lakes Bay Region. The jurisdiction of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the City of Midland.

Organized in 1887, Midland was settled as a lumbering and fur trading community. In 1890, The Dow Chemical Company was founded in Midland and the city continues to serve as the world headquarters for this Fortune 500 company. The successes of Herbert Henry Dow and the generosity of The Dow Chemical Company and its employees have enabled Midland to develop an

abundance of recreational assets that are unmatched within similar communities in Michigan. Midland is also the home of major manufacturing facilities for the Dow Corning Corporation, the site of Northwood University's Michigan campus and home to MidMichigan Medical Center – Midland, the flagship of the MidMichigan Health system.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population of Midland was 41,863. This makes up a little more than 50% of the population of Midland County at 83,629.

It should be noted that a small portion of the City of Midland lies within Bay County. The population of the portion of Midland located within Bay County was 157 according to the 2010 Census.

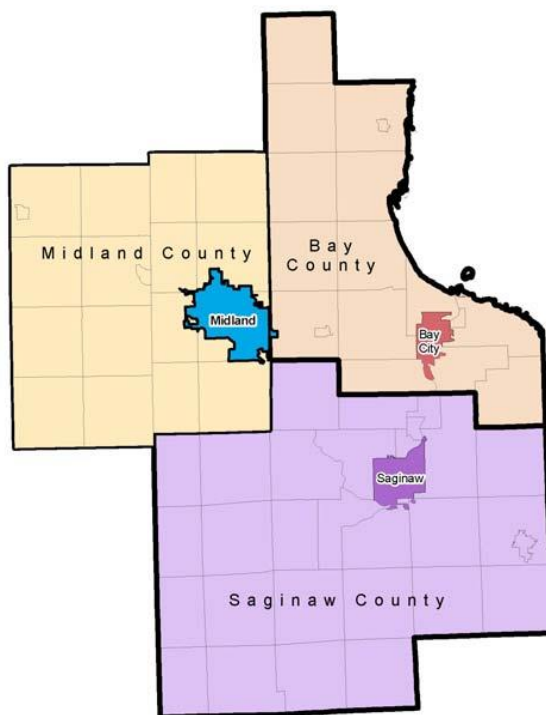


Figure 1 – The City of Midland is located in eastern Midland County with a small portion located in western Bay County.



The July 2013 U.S. Census estimate of the population of Midland was 42,181, showing that the population has increased by 0.8% since 2010.

Other general population characteristics regarding Midland are shown below in Figure 2.

Figure 2 – Midland Demographic Data (2010 U.S. Census)

Population	41,863
Median Age	38.3 years
Total Households	17,506
Median Household Income	\$50,479
Population with bachelor's degree or higher	42.0%

Midland is approximately 36 square miles in size, making it as large as many townships in the state of Michigan, and the fifth largest city in Michigan in terms of land area. See Figure 3 for an aerial view of the City of Midland. Major traffic carriers include US-10 which runs near the eastern and northern boundaries of the city. M-20 carries traffic westward toward Mount Pleasant.

Two major waterways converge in Midland. The Chippewa River flows easterly from Isabella County into the Tittabawassee River in downtown Midland. The Tittabawassee River rises in Roscommon County and flows generally southward through Gladwin, Midland, and Saginaw Counties. It flows into the Saginaw River. Both rivers provide various sources of recreation in Midland.

The southeastern portion of the city is largely industrial, dominated by Dow Chemical production facilities. Much of the area west of Eastman Avenue and west of the Tittabawassee River is woodlands, recreation lands, or green space.

Throughout the remainder of Midland County, there are large tracts of public or semi-public lands in the County, which are mostly controlled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Another 40,000 acres belongs to the AuSable State Forest, also managed by the MDNR. Figure 4 shows these lands, based on mapping data created by the Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited. The Pine, Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers are the three major rivers that flow through Midland County. They are complimented by Sanford Lake, which is actually a widened portion of the Tittabawassee River.

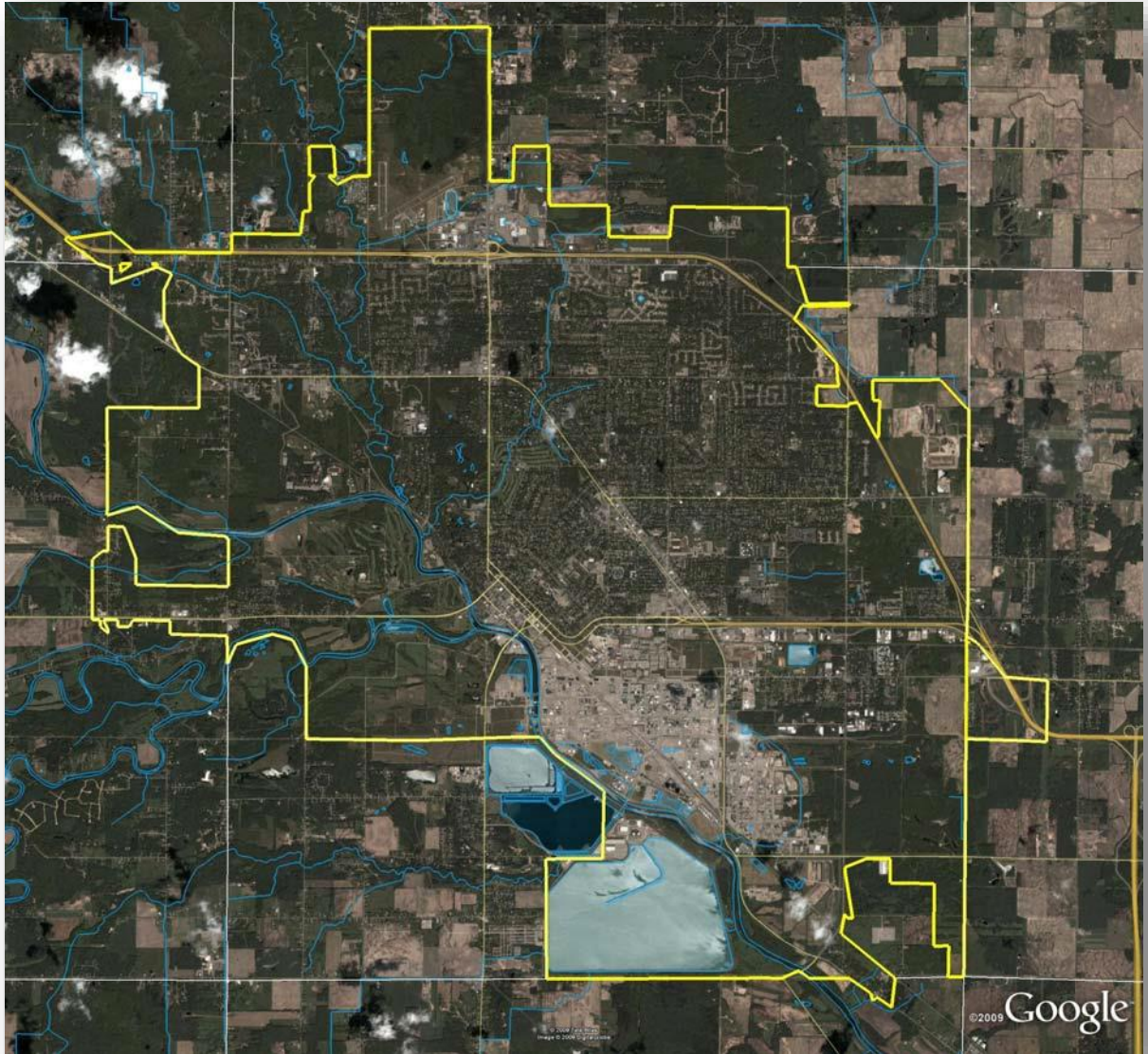


Figure 3 – Aerial view of the City of Midland

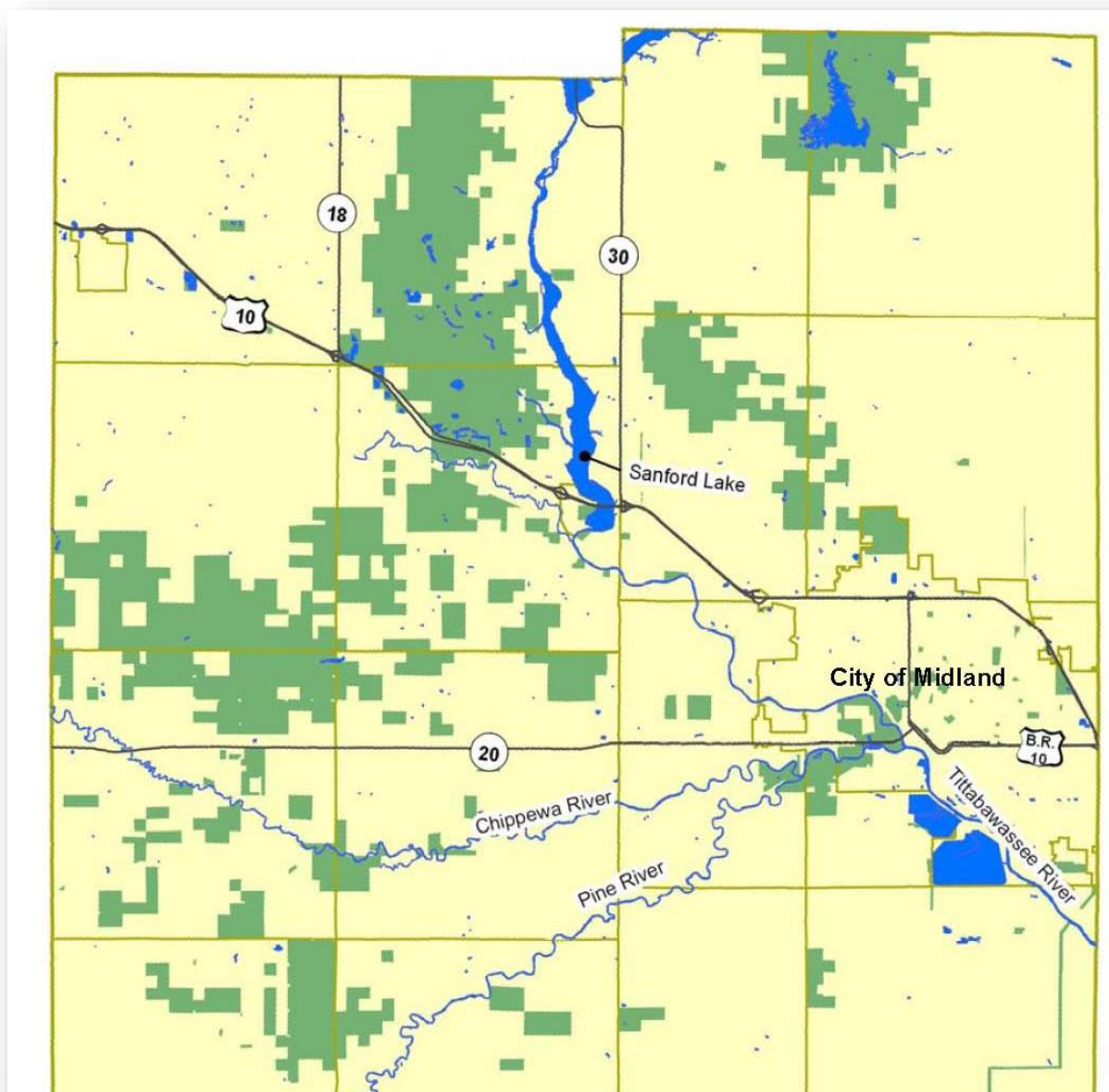


Figure 4 – Location of major rivers, lakes, and roadways in Midland County. The green shaded areas show publicly and privately held conservation and resource lands. The two bodies of open water in the southern portion of Midland County near the Tittabawassee River are a brine pond for The Dow Chemical Company and a cooling pond for Midland Cogeneration Venture. (Source: *The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited*)



III. Administrative Structure

About Midland's Parks & Recreation Department

Management, Staff, and Policy-Making Bodies

The Charter of the City of Midland established a Parks and Recreation Commission to serve as an advisory body to the City Council under Michigan Legislation 1929 PA 312 Metropolitan District Act. This nine-member commission includes representatives from different institutions, industries, government departments, and from the public at large. Parks and Recreation Commissioners are volunteers from the community at large who by experience have evidenced interest in development of park and recreation services for public use. Commissioners apply for a position on the commission as vacancies occur, and are then interviewed and appointed by the City Council to serve three-year terms.

Duties of the Commission include advising the City Council on policies, budgets, and improvements for the approximately \$5 million allocated annually to Parks & Recreation. The Commission meets a minimum of six times annually, more often if required. The Commission will also hold separate meetings for public hearings as needed.

To assist the Commission, Midland has a Parks & Recreation Department under the direction of the City Manager. This Department is managed by the Public Services Director with an Assistant Director, and a Recreation Manager. They oversee staff in five divisions: Forestry, Parks, Midland Cemetery, Horticulture and Recreation. The organizational chart in Figure 5 illustrates the relationship of the Commission and staff to other components of the City's structure. The Currie Golf Course and Midland Civic Arena are two other City recreation offerings and are managed as stand-alone enterprise operations under the direction of the Assistant City Manager.

Each division of the Parks & Recreation Department has a specific role. The Parks division maintains more than 2,700 acres of parks, play areas, parking lots, roadway medians and parkways, floodplain areas, sports fields, 35 shelters and buildings and an outdoor public swimming pool. The Parks division also helps organize special events.

The Forestry division is charged with planting, maintaining, and replacing more than 55,000 trees in parks and street outlaws. Special care is given in selecting species of trees that flourish in specific conditions. The division is also active in Arbor Day events.



The Golf Course division operates and maintains the Currie Golf Course, including both clubhouses and the driving range. The primary task of this division is to provide well groomed, competitive and attractive golf courses that are affordable for the public.

The Cemetery Sexton maintains the Midland Cemetery and continues to improve the appearance of the facility through landscaping and turf management.

The Recreation division assists in managing the numerous programmed sports offered by the City, including adult and youth softball, adult kickball, and beach volleyball. Staff also administers toboggan rentals, cross-country ski rentals, swimming programs, summer concert series, and many other activities and special events. This Division also operates the picnic shelter and Chalet rental programs.

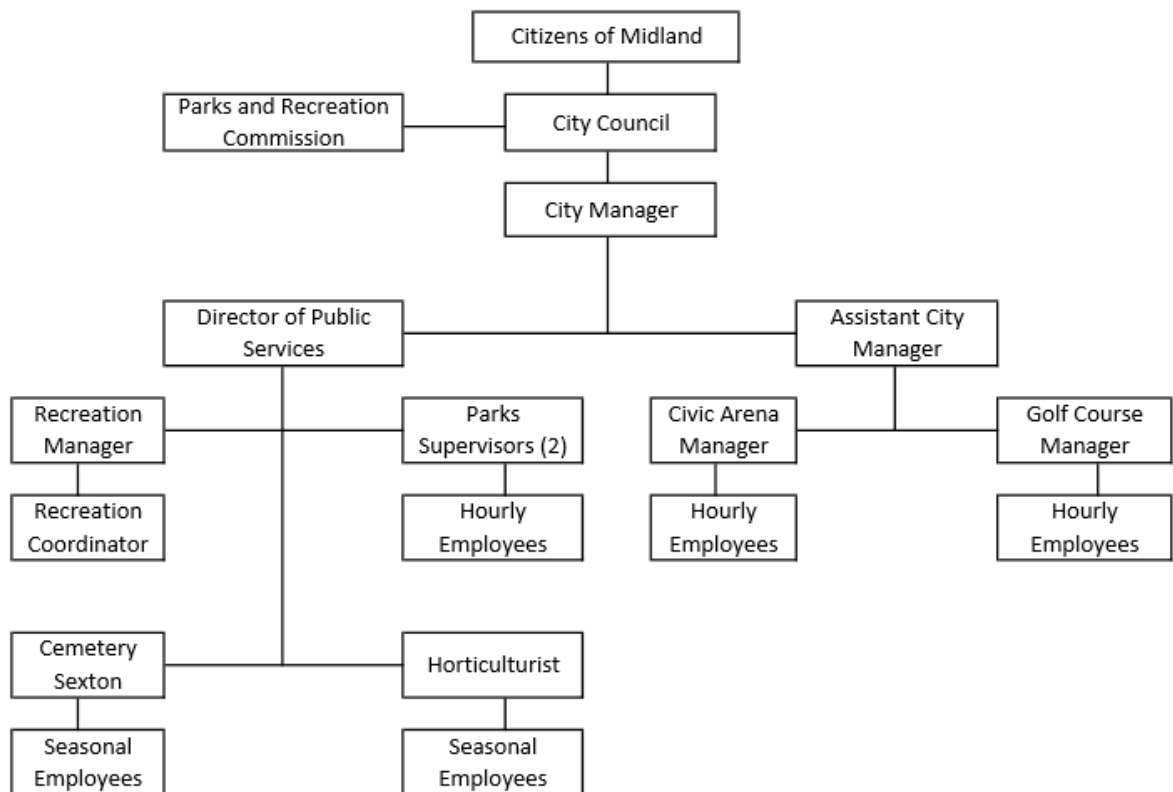


Figure 5 – City of Midland Parks & Recreation organizational chart



Staff Summary	Full-Time Employees	Seasonal Employees
<u>Office Staff</u>		
Account Clerk III	1	
Office Assistant	1	
<u>Parks Division</u>		
Parks Supervisor	2	
Equipment Operator	10	
Facilities Maintenance	2	
Senior Utility Person	4	
Forestry Worker	4	
Seasonal Workers		24
<u>Recreation Division</u>		
Recreation Manager	1	
Recreation Coordinator	1	
Seasonal Workers		30
<u>Horticulture Division</u>		
Horticulturist	1	
Seasonal Workers		18
<u>Cemetery</u>		
Cemetery Sexton	1	
Seasonal Workers		4
	Full-Time	Seasonal
Total Employees	28	76

Figure 6 – 2014 City of Midland Parks & Recreation Staffing Chart

With the Commission and Parks & Recreation staff in place to accept public input, manage general operations and oversee planning activities, it is the City Council that makes the final decisions regarding parks and recreation. The Council has the ultimate authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants and purchase future park land on behalf of the City.



Funding and Budgets

Funding for parks and recreation in Midland primarily comes from the City's General Fund. Other sources of funding include user fees, pavilion rentals, program fees, season passes, grants, and donations. Final expenditures for last fiscal year as well as the adopted budget for the current fiscal year are shown below in Figure 7.

Figure 7 – Midland Parks and Recreation Budgets

	FY13/14	FY14/15
Operations and Maintenance	\$3,954,106	\$4,308,356
Programming	\$671,306	\$675,296
Capital Improvements	\$70,708	\$109,800
TOTALS	\$4,696,121	\$5,093,452

Volunteer Assistance

At present, Midland Parks and Recreation partners with many organizations and individuals to enhance the City's parks and recreation offerings. The Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Project Programs match groups and organizations with volunteer opportunities at a particular park to assist the Parks Division in cleaning, maintaining, and even creating new features in our parks. The City supports multiple Eagle Scout projects annually to enhance parks with benches, bird houses, play equipment, and numerous other projects. Community garden clubs volunteer to plant and maintain large landscape areas throughout the City. Civic clubs partner with the City on park clean up, including most recently the removal of invasive plant species. The City's Recreation Division receives volunteer assistance from the public at large to support the annual Santa Calling program to allow children to receive a call from Santa in early December. In addition, Midland Parks and Recreation partners with the ROCK Youth Center to provide teen volunteers for the annual Zombie Run held at the City Forest. The City also works with the Midland Softball Association, a volunteer board of softball enthusiasts, to provide one of the largest amateur softball programs in the region.



Relationships with Other Agencies Involved in Recreation

The City of Midland Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of relationships with other agencies to enhance recreational opportunities available to the community.

- The City works cooperatively with Midland County Parks and Recreation to share equipment and labor on special projects, which helps both agencies to get jobs done in-house at less expense than hiring contractors.
- The City partners with the Midland Area Community Foundation to oversee and maintain the Fun Zone, a community-built wooden playscape located in Plymouth Park. The Community Foundation also maintains endowment funds to support maintenance of the Tridge, park sculptures and horticulture needs of large community landscape features.
- The City has a strong relationship with the Downtown Development Authority, providing assistance with set up and clean up for DDA events.
- The City partners with the Midland Public Schools to share facilities and sports fields as needed.
- The City consults regularly with Chippewa Nature Center and Dow Garden staff on conservation, natural resources and horticulture-related matters to educate city staff on current trends/issues.
- The City consults regularly with the Great Lakes Loons minor league baseball staff on ball diamond maintenance issues and shares supplies/equipment as needed.
- The City partners with the Midland Tennis Center and the Midland Girls Softball Association to provide administrative support for youth tennis and softball programming.
- The City also partners with the Midland Dolphins Swim Club, Northwood University, area Little Leagues, the Chemical City Band, Bullock Creek Public Schools, the Midland Community Center, the Midland Area Sports Capital Committee, SOS Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Midland County, the ROCK Youth Center and the Special Olympics to provide equipment, facilities and services to support events for these groups.



These partnerships allow us to further our resources and the resources of the organizations to provide more extensive programming and facilities to our residents. Parks and Recreation staff track the activities of these and other community recreation providers to avoid duplication of services.



IV. Recreation Inventory



Learning about Midland's Parks

Introduction

In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, one needs to examine the types of facilities that currently exist in the City of Midland. It is also helpful to compare the existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community. The inventory was completed by visiting the City's parks to update the inventory detailed in Midland's previous Parks & Recreation Master Plan from 2010. PM Blough, Inc. and City staff worked together to complete the needed updates and revisions. A review for accessibility was also completed for each of the parks.

Classifying parks into categories helps define their role in the overall system, demonstrates their relationship to each other, highlights deficiencies, helps to develop an action program and assists in allocating funding. Currently, Midland classifies parks into four groups: Regional, Community, Neighborhood and Mini-Parks. This classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association guide recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for recreation standards. It recognizes types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and use groups. Further, it lists definitions and sets of standards for the various park levels established for use in this Recreation Plan. These standards are based on nationally accepted criteria. An inventory showing amenities and other data by park is found on Page 24. The numbers preceding each park on the inventory list identifies the location of these facilities on each of the Parks Inventory Maps that begin on Page 27.

Regional Parks

The City of Midland has seven parks under the Regional Parks classification. These regional parks are able to serve communities within a one-hour driving time and are usually larger than 200 acres. Access is vehicular and parking is included on-site. Characteristics of typical uses usually include areas of natural or highly specialized outdoor recreation such as golf courses, softball, or winter sports. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities. See Inventory Map #1 for these park locations.



The regional parks within the City area as follows:

1. Barstow Woods
2. Central Park
3. Chippewassee Park
4. City Forest
5. Currie Golf Course
6. Chippewa Banks Disc Golf Course
7. Emerson Park

Barstow Woods Park

Barstow Woods is a 24.9 acre natural wooded area located at the intersection of Saginaw and St. Andrews Streets, with trails that can be used year round. In the winter, the paths are perfect for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. During the warmer months, walkers, runners and hikers frequent the trails. This natural area is a great place to watch the spring bloom or fall color change. Barstow Woods Park is the perfect place for a special event with a picnic shelter available for reservation. The shelter offers picnic tables, grill and a restroom. This three acre portion of the park has plenty of open space and play equipment.

Central Park

This 18 acre park located at the corner of W. Collins and Rodd Streets has plenty to offer. Central Park is the home of the Ted Nicholson band shell. The park also boasts playground equipment, benches and four refurbished tennis courts. The Central Park Tennis Courts were refurbished in the summer of 2010 with assistance from the Midland Community Tennis Center and feature both adult and kid-sized courts. The Midland Community Tennis Center, in partnership with Midland Parks and Recreation, offers a variety of tennis programs for youth and adults.

Chippewassee Park

Chippewassee Park is a 35 acre recreational area located at the confluence of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers that has something for all seasons. In the winter months, its size makes it a great place for cross country skiing. During warm weather, the park is one of the most popular in the city. It has a large picnic shelter that is available for rental. Picnic tables and grills are provided for use. The park has play equipment appropriate for children of all ages, huge open fields, and paved trails. Chippewassee Park is also home to the Trilogy Skate Park and the Dog Park. Chippewassee Park is known for its festivals and community events held during the summer including Riverdays and the Fourth of July, as it is a favorite location from which to watch Midland's fireworks.



City Forest

City Forest, located at the north end of town a quarter mile west of the intersection of Eastman and Monroe Roads, is comprised of 520 acres of hardwoods and pines and is perfect for year-round outdoor activities. During the winter, City Forest is best known for its four iced toboggan runs, cross country ski trails, outdoor skating rink and a large sled hill available for public use. The toboggan runs are available for use during winter hours of operation (weather permitting). The sled hill is available for sledding at your own risk and is lighted for night use. The forest provides 11 kilometers of groomed trails perfect for cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Trails range from beginner to advanced levels. Visitors can complete their winter trip to the Forest with a snack and a cup of hot chocolate in the chalet during hours of operation. Once the snow melts, the fun doesn't stop at City Forest. The chalet is available for rental from April 15 through October 15. The forest itself becomes a popular area for nature lovers. The many miles of cross country ski trails are a great place for a nature hike or jog. In addition, there are thirteen miles of mountain biking trails that are open year round. With plenty of steep hills, twists and turns, these trails provide an exciting ride even for experienced riders. There is also a mountain biking skills development area available for riders to hone their mountain biking abilities.

Currie Municipal Golf Course

Currie Municipal Golf Course provides ample play for golfers at all skill levels with three beautiful courses at reasonable prices. The Par 3 is a 9-hole, short course ideal for beginning players. Currie East is a traditional 9-hole course. Currie West is an 18-hole course designed by Jerry Matthews and is intended for advanced players. Golfers also have the option of using the Currie driving range. Currie boasts a beautiful clubhouse featuring a full-service pro shop, lounge area and snack bar. The clubhouse is available for group rental during the off-season. Currie Golf Course is open for play April 1 to October 31, dawn until dusk, seven days a week.

Chippewa Banks Disc Golf Course

This course offers fun for beginning and experienced disc golfers and is open year-round from sunrise to sunset. Rules of the game are posted on the course. No reservations are necessary and there is no cost to play. Players may download scorecards from www.cityofmidland.gov/recreation. The scorecard includes a layout of the rustic course and provides distance information for each hole.



Emerson Park

Emerson Park is a 50-acre park that has a multitude of amenities to keep visitors of all ages entertained. Emerson Park has a reputation for offering some of the best softball in Michigan, attributed to its central feature, Currie Stadium, and its three premiere softball fields. Softball is just one of many sports available at Emerson. The park is home to a regulation size hockey rink, complete with nets and night lighting. The rink is flooded in the winter for ice hockey and available in the summer for in-line skating. Visitors will also find horseshoe pits along with shuffleboard courts which are available on a first come, first served basis (patrons must use their own equipment). A lighted sand volleyball court is available for public use. A paved path runs along the Tittabawassee River, perfect for bikers, runners or in-line skaters. Restrooms and drinking fountains are available. In addition, three picnic shelters and five picnic areas are available for reservation. Children are sure to enjoy the open play fields and play equipment featured in this park.

Community Parks

There are seven parks in Midland that are classified as Community Parks. These parks generally offer unique activities and are usually over 15 acres in size. Access is primarily vehicular and parking is generally included on-site. Characteristics of typical uses usually include major sports facilities, unique attractions, many natural features, swimming pools, and water bodies. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities. See Inventory Map #1 for these park locations.

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| 8. Northwest Complex | 12. Redcoat Softball Complex |
| 9. Sunrise Optimist Park | 13. Stratford Woods |
| 10. Plymouth Park | 14. Thrune Park |
| 11. Riverside Golfside Park | |

Northwest Little League Complex

The Northwest Little League Complex is home to the Fraternal Northwest Little League. The fields are used exclusively by the Fraternal Northwest Little League during Little League season.

Sunrise Optimist Park

Sunrise Optimist Park is the most popular place in the city for girls' softball games. In addition to the four softball fields, this 12 acre park has play equipment, a covered pavilion, restrooms and picnic tables.



Plymouth Park

As one of Midland's largest developed parks at 40 acres, Plymouth Park provides the amenities to keep the whole family busy. Plymouth is known for the Fun Zone, a 16,000 square foot wooden community-built playground. From space ships to mazes to alphabet games, the Fun Zone provides more than the traditional swings and slides. Located next to the Fun Zone is a large picnic pavilion which can be reserved. There is additional play equipment at the south end of the park along with two medium sized pavilions and a picnic area that are available for reservation. Those looking for sports excitement can find it at Plymouth Park as well. The park boasts a large open field, appropriate for sports of all kinds, a sand volleyball pit and two baseball fields that are home to the Northeast Little League. Plymouth Park houses the city's only outdoor community pool. The pool offers an accessible zero-depth entry and spray features including dumping buckets of water that are perfect for children and persons with disabilities. It also offers a deep end containing water slides. The pool building features showers and changing facilities with spacious accessible dressing rooms. Swim lessons, recreational swim and lap swim are available at the pool during summer months. The pool is open mid-June through Labor Day (weather permitting).

Riverside/Golfside Park

Riverside Park features a boat launch for fishermen to access the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers. Park patrons can also launch canoes from this location and enjoy a relaxing scenic view of nature.

Redcoats Complex

Anyone looking for an evening full of softball fun should take a trip down to the Redcoats Complex during the summer months. The park, which hosts nine softball fields, is a showcase for players of all different talent levels. Restrooms, a pavilion and play equipment are available at this park.

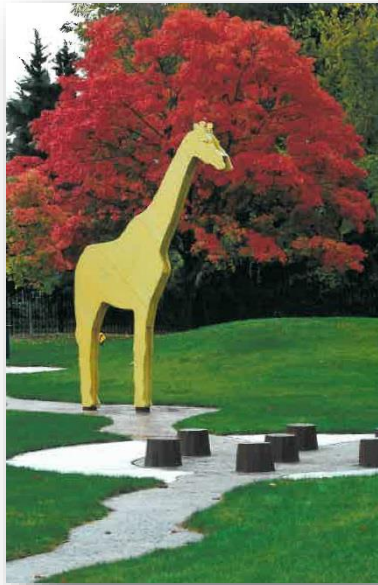
Stratford Woods Park

Stratford Woods Park is situated around Kiwassee Lake, a small, man-made lake which provides an unsupervised sandy beach for swimming. Restrooms are available and open during park hours. Stratford Woods Park has four beach volleyball courts where leagues play during the summer months. Located on the west side of Kiwassee Lake is an undeveloped natural area with a small number of trails. The park offers one large picnic shelter with grills and tables that can be reserved. The park has a variety of play equipment and a large basketball court. The BMX bike Track is also located at Stratford Woods Park.



Throne Park

Throne Park is an interactive learning play area that is fenced and gated, a perfect park for Midland's youngest residents. The park was reopened in 2011 after receiving a complete renovation, funded by the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. Improvements include a new restroom facility, covered benches, redesigned accessible pathways, an upgraded water feature and new play features.



Neighborhood Parks

Generally, the Neighborhood Parks serve one or more of the surrounding neighborhoods, have about a half-mile radius service area, and are anywhere from five to ten acres in size. Some of these parks are undeveloped, while others provide active uses, including some programmed activities. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, and some on-site parking. Characteristics of typical uses usually include drop-in sports fields, courts, and playgrounds. Midland has 18 Neighborhood Parks. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities. See Inventory Map #2 for these park locations.

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| 15. Ann M. Winger | 21. Hart | 27. Shipps Family |
| 16. Blake | 22. Hillgrove | 28. St. Mary's |
| 17. Briarwood | 23. Hintz | 29. Sunset |
| 18. Currie Bennett | 24. Kaufman | 30. Valley |
| 19. Fournie | 25. Revere | 31. Wallen |
| 20. Grove | 26. Russell | 32. Wyndemere |



Mini-Parks

Mini-Parks are intended to serve adjacent or nearby residences, encompassing about a quarter-mile radius service area, and are usually an acre in size or less. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, with no on-site parking. Characteristics of typical uses include open space, pick-up games, and ice-skating. There are no programmed activities at these parks. Midland has 36 Mini-Parks. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a summary of amenities. See Inventory Map #3 for all Mini-Park locations.

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| 33. Allen | 45. Glenoak | 57. Noeske |
| 34. Birchwood | 46. Greenfield | 58. Oak |
| 35. Burlington | 47. Griesse | 59. Orchard |
| 36. Castle | 48. Kent | 60. Ottawa |
| 37. Chatham | 49. Lalkwood | 61. Parkdale |
| 38. Cleveland | 50. Lincoln | 62. Parkwood |
| 39. Crane | 51. Longacres | 63. Putnam |
| 40. Dartmoor | 52. Lowell | 64. Theis |
| 41. Dartmouth | 53. Mac | 65. Trilogy Skate Park |
| 42. Devonshire | 54. Manor | 66. Virginia |
| 43. Garden | 55. Maryland | 67. Washington Woods |
| 44. Glencoe | 56. Nelson | 68. Wyllys |





Other City Parks, Pathways, and Recreational Facilities

In addition to the Regional, Community, Neighborhood, and Mini-Parks, the City maintains other recreational and open space areas. These areas include undedicated parks, non-motorized pathways, roadway medians, parkways, and areas along rivers or streams. Also included are parks which are undeveloped and planned for passive recreational activity in order to protect their natural state. Furthermore, recreational opportunities are not limited to facilities owned by the City of Midland. Quasi-public and privately owned facilities also provide additional recreational and cultural resources of outstanding quality. For the following listed parks, see the Existing Facilities Inventory for a summary of amenities and Inventory Map #1 for their locations. Additional recreational facilities that are also located in the City of Midland are included on the Existing Facilities Inventory.

- Adams
- Huron Park
- Riverbend
- Siebert
- Sturgeon Creek
- Arbury Centennial Park
- Gerstacker Spray Park
- Longview Spray Park
- Caldwell Boat Launch
- Midland Cemetery
- Chippewa Trail
- Pere Marquette Rail-Trail
- Grand Curves Loop Trail





Existing Facilities Inventory			Acreage	Accessibility	Warm Weather										Winter				Water			Indoor					Recreation					Passive Activity					Notes											
					Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Golf - Par 3 - 9 Holes	Golf - 27 Holes	Horseshoe Pits	Play Fields	Play Equipment	Shuffleboard	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball	Cross Country Skiing	Hockey Rink	Slating Rink	Sled Hill	Toboggan Run	Beach	Boat/Canoe Launch	Fishing	Swimming	Gymnasium	Hockey/Slating Rink	Soccer Fields	Swimming Pools	Tennis Courts	Benches	Grills	Natural Area	Nature Trails	Paved Trails	Picnic Table		Band Shell	Concessions	Parking	Picnic Shelter	Restrooms	Warming Hut	Undeveloped				
Regional Parks																																																
1	Barstow Woods	24.9	2	*				*	*						*															*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
2	Central Park	18.0	2					*	*		*	*																							*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
3	Chippewassee Park	35.0	2					*	*						*			*												*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
4	City Forest	520.0	2												*		L	*	4										*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
5	Currie Golf Course	436.0	2			1	1								*															*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
6	Disc Golf Course	10.0	2																										*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
7	Emerson Park	50.0	3				12	*	6		3		1		L						*								*	*	*	*	*		*	4	*											
Community Parks																																																
8	Northwest	113.5	2	3				*																						*				*		*		*		*		*						
9	Optimist Park	12.0	2					*			4																			*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
10	Plymouth Park	40.0	3	2	*			*	*				1			*	*						1						*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
11	Riverside Golfside Park	5.5	3					*	*												*	*	*						*	*	3	2		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					
12	Redcoats Softball Complex	12.4	3					*	*		10																		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
13	Stratford Woods	50.0	3	*				*	*				4	*							*	*	*	*					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
14	Throne Park	1.0	5					*													*	*	*	*					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
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15	Ann M. Winger	3.5	2	*				*	*																																							
16	Blake	45.5	2					*	*		1																			*				*		*		*		*		*		*				
17	Briarwood	7.4	2	*				*	*	*	*																		*									*		*		*		*				
18	Currie Bennett	4.5	2	*				*	*		1																													*		*		*				
19	Fournie	2.1	2					*	*	*	*																				*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
20	Grove	5.2	3	*				*	*	*	*																		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
21	Hart	0.4	2					*	*																				*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
22	Hillgrove	4.4	2	*	*			*	*																				*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
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24	Kaufman	10.8	2					*	*																				*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
25	Revere	3.8	2					*	*		*							*											*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
26	Russell	9.0	2					*	*	*	*																		*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
27	Shipps Family	5.1	2					*	*		*																			*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
28	St. Mary's	5.9	2					*	*																				*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
29	Sunset	6.2	2					*	*																				*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
30	Valley	13.4	2					*	*		*																		*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
31	Wallen	6.1	2					*	*	*	*	1																		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
32	Wyndemere	6.6	2	*				*	*		*																		*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
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37	Chatham	1.8	1					*	*	*	*																		*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				



Existing Facilities Inventory			Acreage	Accessibility	Warm Weather										Winter			Water			Indoor			Recreation			Passive Activity			Notes																
					Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Golf - Par 3 - 9 Holes	Golf - 27 Holes	Horseshoe Pits	Play Fields	Play Equipment	Shuffleboard	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball	Cross Country Skiing	Hockey Rink	Skating Rink	Sled Hill	Toboggan Run	Beach	Boat/Canoe Launch	Fishing	Swimming	Gymnasium	Hockey/Skating Rink	Soccer Fields	Swimming Pools		Tennis Courts	Benches	Grills	Natural Area	Nature Trails	Paved Trails	Picnic Table	Band Shell	Concessions	Parking	Picnic Shelter	Restrooms	Warming Hut	Undeveloped		
	38	Cleveland	2.8	1				*																					*																	
	39	Crane	0.9	1				*	*																				*																	
	40	Dartmoor	0.5	1				*																																						
	41	Dartmouth	1.5	1				*																																						
	42	Devonshire	1.8	1				*																																						
	43	Garden	3.5	1				*																																						
	44	Glencoe	1.6	1	*			*	*																										*											
	45	Glenoak	1.2	1				*	*																																					
	46	Greenfield	2.2	1				*	*																										*											
	47	Griese	1.7	1	*			*	*																										*											
	48	Kent	0.6	1	*			*	*																										*											
	49	Lakewood	2.3	1				*																																						
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	56	Nelson	0.4	1				*	*																																					
	57	Noeske	0.5	1				*																																						
	58	Oak	1.2	1				*																																						
	59	Orchard	1.3	1				*																																						
	60	Ottawa	5.9	1	*			*	*			*	*																																	
	61	Parkdale	1.5	1	*			*																																						
	62	Parkwood	3.7	1				*	*																						*															
	63	Putnam	0.2	1				*																						*																
	64	Theis	6.0	1				*	*																																					
	65	Trilogy Skate Park	0.3	1				*																						*																
	66	Virginia	0.7	1	*			*	*																					*																
	67	Washington Woods	0.6	1				*																																						
	68	Wylls	1.8	1	*			*	*																																					
Other Parks (and Pathways)																																														
	a	Adams	7.4	1																																							*		undeveloped	
	b	Huron Park	25.9	1																																							*		undeveloped	
	c	Riverbend	1.4	1				*														*									*															
	d	Siebert	12.0	1																																										
	e	Sturgeon Creek	25.2	1																																								*		undeveloped
	f	Arbury Centennial Park		3																											*															
	g	Gerstacker Spray Park		2																															*	*						*				
	h	Caldwell Boat Launch																				*	*												*											
	i	Midland Cemetery																												*																



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	Pere Marquette Rail Trail																												*				*							*				30 mile paved pathway to Clare, restroom at Farmer's Market			
	Chippewa Trail																												*				*							*				3.5 mile paved pathway, restroom at Redcoats Complex			
	Grand Curves Trail																																*											3.7 mile paved pathway			
	Midland Civic Arena																								2	1									*	*		*					1 indoor turf floor, 2 indoor ice rinks				
	Riverfront																			*	*							*				*	*		*									near Farmer's Market, accessible canoe/kayak launch			
	Towsley Dike Park	38.6																											*						*							*		undeveloped			
	Chestnut Hill	4.2																														*	*									*					
	Meadowbrook	3.1						*																								*	*									*					
	Pine River	560.0																														*	*									*			wetland remediation site for City		
	Bradley Home & Carriage House/Herbert H. Historical Museum																																		*			*									
	Chippewa Nature Center													*							*								*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Dow Gardens																												*				*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
	Midland Center for the Arts								*				*											*		*		*					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Midland Community Center			*				*					*											*		*		*		*		*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Midland Community Curling Center																										*										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
	Midland Community Tennis Center												32																*							*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Midland Country Club				18																	*												*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Midland County Fairgrounds										*																			*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Midland Soccer Facility									*																										*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
	Whiting Forest							*										*												*	*		*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
	Whiting Overlook Park						*									*																*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				



City of Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Inventory Map #1

Regional Parks

ID	NAME
1	Barstow Woods Park
2	Central Park
3	Chippewassee Park
4	City Forest
5	Currie Golf Course
6	Disc Golf Course
7	Emerson Park

Community Parks

ID	NAME
8	North west Park
9	Optimist Park
10	Plymouth Park
11	Riverside/Golfside Park
12	Redcoat Softball Complex
13	Stratford Woods Park
14	Throne Park

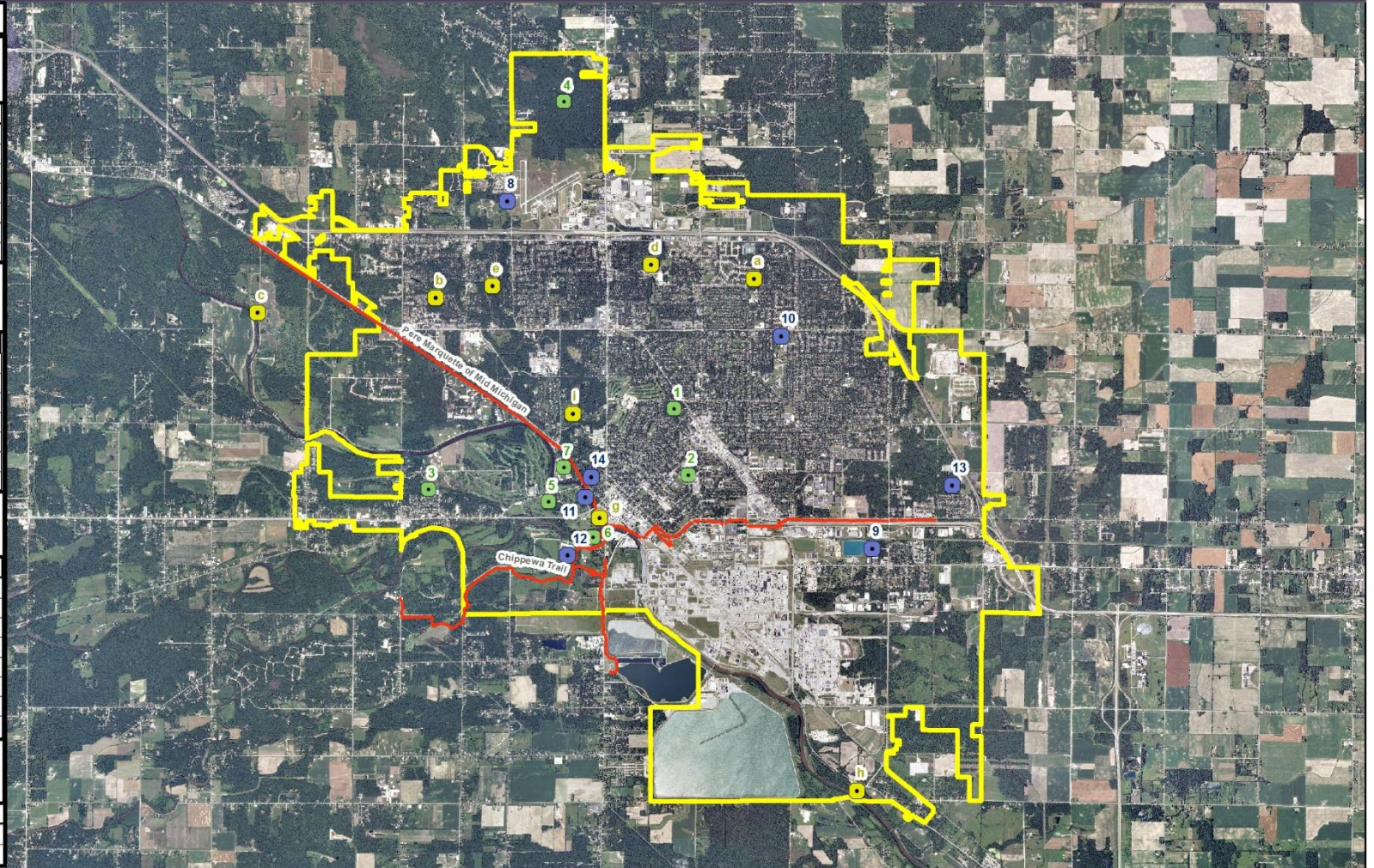
Other Parks

ID	NAME
a	Adams Park
b	Huron Park
c	Riverbend Park
d	Siebert Park
e	Sturgeon Creek Park
g	Gerstaker Spray Park
h	Caldwell Boat Launch
i	Midland Municipal Cemetery

Pathways

Trail Name

Chippewa Trail
Pere Marquette of Mid Michigan



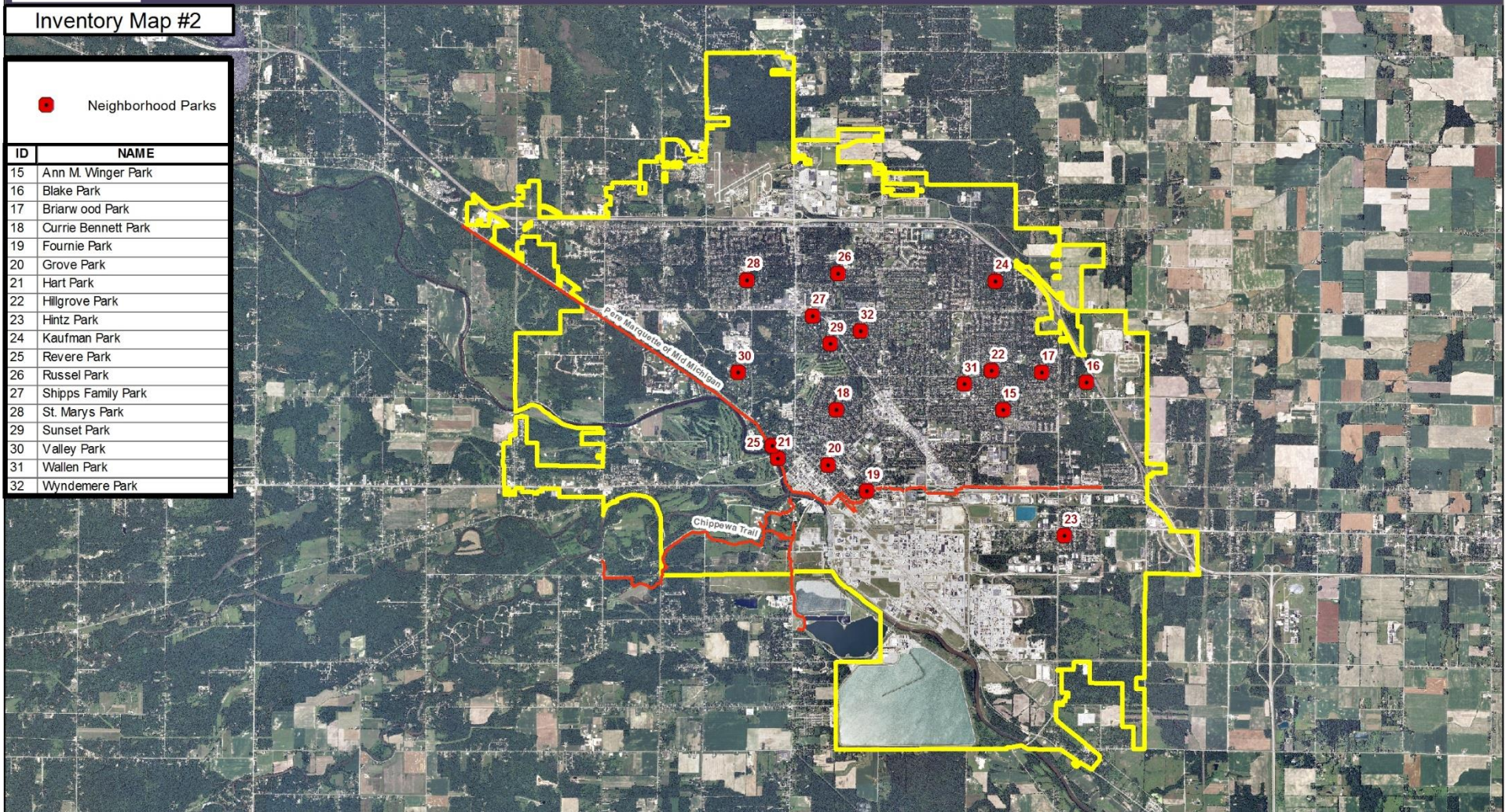


City of Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Inventory Map #2

● Neighborhood Parks

ID	NAME
15	Ann M. Winger Park
16	Blake Park
17	Briarwood Park
18	Currie Bennett Park
19	Fournie Park
20	Grove Park
21	Hart Park
22	Hillgrove Park
23	Hintz Park
24	Kaufman Park
25	Revere Park
26	Russell Park
27	Shipp's Family Park
28	St. Marys Park
29	Sunset Park
30	Valley Park
31	Wallen Park
32	Wyndemere Park



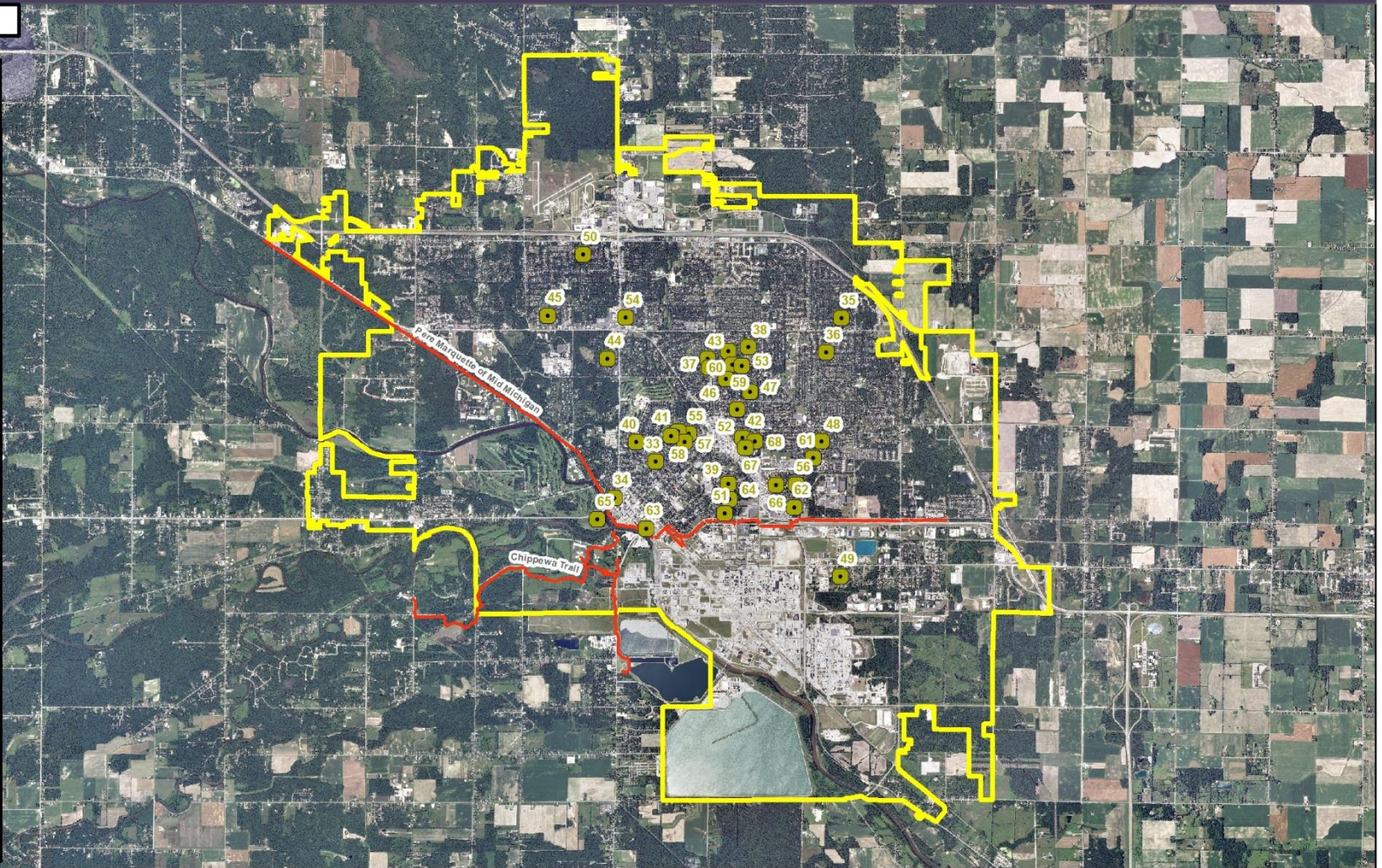


City of Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Inventory Map #3

● Mini Park

ID	NAME
33	Allen Park
34	Arbury Centennial Park
35	Birchwood Park
36	Burlington Park
37	Castle Park
38	Chatham Park
39	Cleveland Park
40	Crane Park
41	Dartmoor Park
42	Dartmouth Park
43	Devonshire Park
44	Garden Park
45	Glencoe Park
46	Glenoak Park
47	Greenfield Park
48	Griese Park
49	Kent Park
50	Lakewood Park
51	Lincoln Park
52	Longacres Park
53	Lowell Park
54	Mac Park
55	Manor Park
56	Maryland Park
57	Nelson Park
58	Noeske Park
59	Oak Park
60	Ottawa Park
61	Parkdale Park
62	Parkwood Park
63	Putnam Park
64	Theis Park
65	Trilogy Skate Park
66	Virginia Park
67	Washington Woods Park
68	Wyllis Park





Additional City recreational facilities that are not mapped include the following:

- Midland Civic Arena
- Pine River
- Towsley Dike
- Meadowbrook
- Chestnut Hill

Other recreational facilities within the community that are not mapped or indicated on the inventory include:

- Bradley Home & Carriage House
- Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum
- Chippewa Nature Center
- Circle Area Community Garden
- Dow Gardens
- Midland Center for the Arts
- Gerstacker Riverfront Park System
- Midland Country Club
- Great Lakes Loons – Dow Diamond stadium
- Midland Community Center
- Midland Community Tennis Center
- Midland Community Curling Center
- Midland County Fairgrounds
- Midland Soccer Complex
- Whiting Overlook Park

Regional County and State Parks

Sanford Lake County Park

Sanford Lake Park is located along the west side of Sanford Lake in the Village of Sanford. With over 1,100 feet of sandy beach, Sanford Lake Park is the largest public water based activity area in Midland County. Swimming, picnicking, and boating access to Sanford Lake are the principal activities in the park. A large splash/spray park was added in 2008.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park is located west of the Village of Sanford, in Jerome Township. A grove of 200+ year old red and white pines is a significant feature of the southern portion of the park. This forested area provides park visitors with a glimpse of what the Saginaw Valley looked like prior to settlement. An entrance off the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail is located on the northern boundary of the park. A rustic wooden bridge connects the northern and southern portions of the park. Development in the northern portion of the park is limited.



Manitou Park

Manitou Park is located approximately eight miles west of the City of Midland in Lee Township. Access to the park is from Chippewa River Road. Manitou Park encompasses one and a half miles of frontage along the Chippewa River. The park has been minimally developed.

Pere Marquette Rail-Trail of Mid-Michigan

The Pere Marquette Rail-Trail is located on the former CSX Railroad right-of-way between the Cities of Midland and Clare. The 30 mile Rail-Trail provides barrier-free, non-motorized recreation and transportation opportunities such as walking, hiking, running, bicycling, wheelchair use, in-line skating and cross country skiing. A “separated” five mile equestrian trail runs from North Bradley to the outskirts of Coleman. The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Department has continued the Rail-Trail to the outskirts of Clare. It is a regional destination facility.

Laur Big Salt River Park

The Laur family donated this 40 acre site to the Midland County Parks and Recreation Commission in the fall of 1993. It is located in Geneva Township along the Big Salt River with access to the park off West MacNally Road.

Pine Haven Recreation Area

Pine Haven Recreation Area is located west of the Village of Sanford, in Jerome Township. Access to the park is off Maynard Road. Pine Haven Recreation Area is comprised of four acres of county-owned land and 323 acres of Michigan State Forest land. The state land is managed by the County Parks and Recreation Commission under an annual use permit. The park offers visitors eight miles of trail suitable for a variety of recreational pursuits.

River Trails Heritage Park

River Trails Heritage Park is located in Edenville Township, and lies along the Tittabawassee and Tobacco Rivers. This park has access from M-30, and boasts approximately 6,000 feet of river frontage.

Sanford Park, Village of Sanford

Sanford Park is located on the Tittabawassee River within the Village. Facilities include a large pavilion, play area, five ball diamonds, youth football field, seven horseshoe courts, basketball court, sand volleyball, drop in boat launch, shoreline fishing, riverfront pathway, restrooms and parking.

Gransden Park, Edenville Township

Located within the small community, the neighborhood park has a new ball diamond, parking lot, picnic pavilion and play area.

**Charles and Ida Harper Memorial Park, Edenville Township**

The new park is the site of a new Tittabawassee River Overlook Deck, Fishing Pier and Village Trail.

Mills Township Park, Mills Township

This park is a 160 acre park with ball diamonds and a community center.

Windover Park, Homer Township

Windover Park is approximately seven acres in size and includes a ball diamond and a basketball court.

Homer Township Park, Homer Township

This community park includes 12 acres of land with facilities including ball diamonds, pavilions, a picnic area, playground and restrooms.

Lee Township Park, Lee Township

This is an 80 acre park in Lee Township with ball diamonds, a soccer field, a pavilion, and a picnic area.

Larkin Township Park, Larkin Township

Ball diamonds, picnic shelters and a playground are located within this 40 acre park.

Bob Moe Park, Midland Township

Bob Moe Park is 5 acres in size with ball diamonds.

Woodside Park, Hope Township

Located in Hope Township, Woodside Park is 66 acres in size with facilities including ball diamonds, picnic area, pavilion, playground and nature trails.

Coleman Adams Street Park, Coleman

Coleman Adams Street Park, is a 5 acre park with a ball diamond, playground, tennis courts, pavilions, picnic area, basketball court, and playground.

Coleman Webster Street Park, Coleman

This 11 acre park is currently undeveloped.

Little Forks Conservancy, Midland County

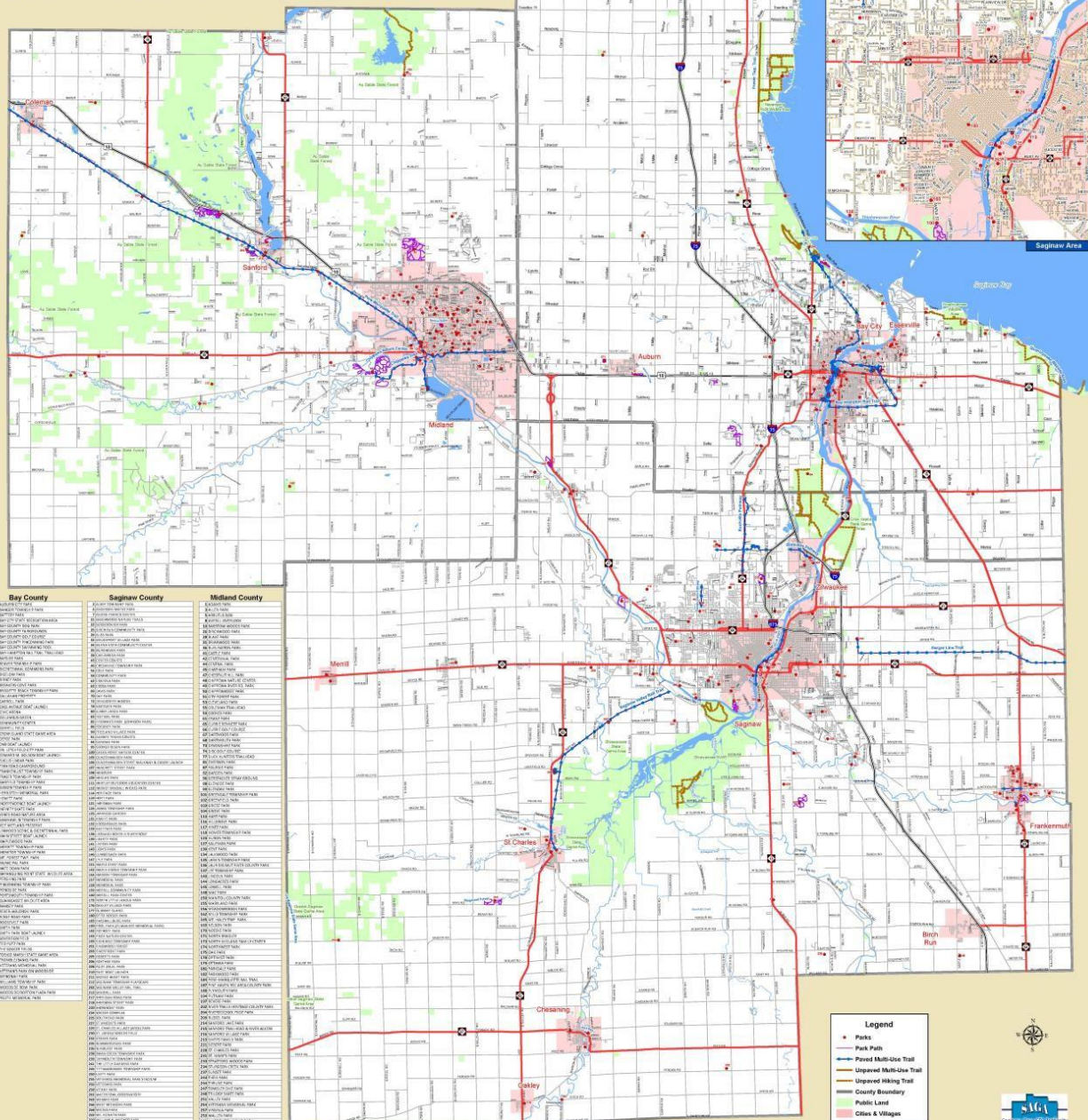
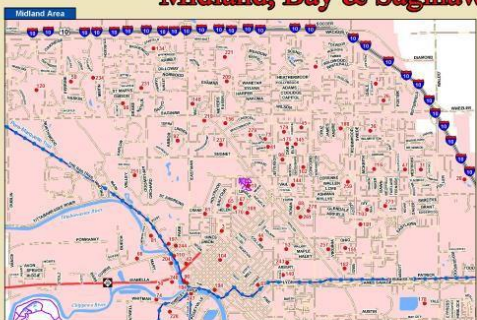
Since 1996, The Little Forks Conservancy has partnered with private landowners in or near the Tittabawassee River Watershed to protect and preserve the unique natural features of this region. The Little Forks Conservancy also protects land through acquisition, by either gift or purchase, protecting it as a preserve. Some preserves provide opportunities for public recreation and access to unique resources in our region, while other more sensitive sites require limiting public access to preserve native associations of flora and fauna.



Regional Tri-County Park Facilities

The regional governmental area includes Midland, Bay, and Saginaw Counties. These three counties interact and market together for tourism, economic growth, and other regional concerns. On the following page is a Midland, Bay & Saginaw County Parks map from a Tri-County Recreation guide. Additional information on regional recreational facilities is available by contacting the Parks and Recreation offices for any of the three counties.

Midland, Bay & Saginaw County Parks



Data Provided by: The City of Midland, Saginaw, Bay & Midland Counties

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Regional Tri-County Trails

The Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties also plan a regional trail system which includes the Midland County Pere Marquette Rail Trail. A map depicting the regional trails is included on the following page. A more detailed map, or one at a more readable size, is available by contacting the City of Midland Parks and Recreation office at recreation@midland-mi.org.



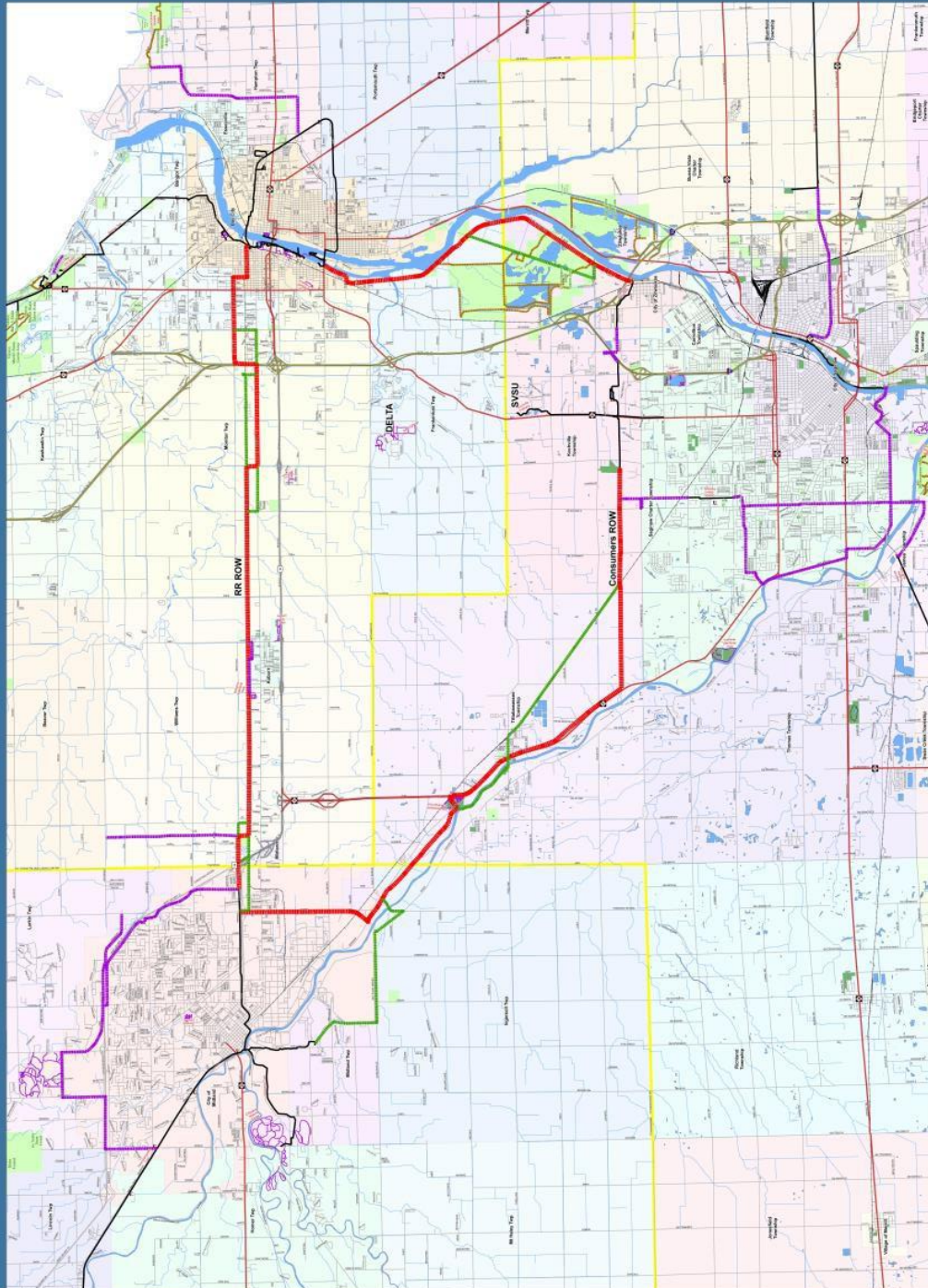
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Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

The accessibility grading system uses a five point system ranging from **one** (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines), to **five** (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). See Figure 8.

A review of ADA compliance of City of Midland parks was conducted based on the information contained within the previous City of Midland Parks and Recreation Master Plan from 2010. At that time, an assessment of the parks was performed and consisted of a visual inspection of each park with regards to access and circulation in relation to the park facilities. As noted on the Existing Facilities Inventory sheets from the previous pages, some of the parks do not meet all criteria for handicap accessibility. The City of Midland is dedicated to continuing its efforts toward improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities and signage.

Figure 8 – MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design



Programming

Midland Parks and Recreation provides an abundance of programming to its residents. These programs include City Forest Winter Operations (toboggan runs, sledding hill, ice skating rink), Midland Softball Association Summer Softball and Fall Co-ed Softball, Midland Girls Softball League Spring and Summer Softball, Beach Volleyball Leagues, Adult Kick Ball League, American Red Cross Swim Lessons, Lap swim, open and family swim opportunities, Intellectual Disabilities Program, Tunes by the Tridge, Bark in the Park, Fourth of July festivities, Walk Michigan, Punt Pass and Kick, Santa Calling, Night at the North Pole, Mackinaw Island Grand Experience, Dog Swim at Plymouth Pool, Adopt-A-Park Program, Adopt-A-Project Program and other smaller specialty programs. The Department maintains several activity areas that promote life-long recreation. In addition, the Department continues to work on developing new and exciting programs for underserved populations in the City.

Recreation Grant History

The City of Midland received one grant from MDNR-administered grant programs. This grant was in 1989 under the Recreation Bond Fund program for Plymouth Pool Renovation. The pool received a new gutter and pool lining, along with an updated filtration system and repairs to the bath house and roof.





V. Goals & Objectives

Transforming Ideas into Reality

Introduction

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only. In addition, the goals were developed in deference to the economic realities of today. As such, these goals will need to be conscientiously prioritized within the context of limited resources.



Goal Number 1

To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.

Objectives:

- a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.



Goal Number 2

To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.

Objectives:

- a. To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) in keeping with the principals of Universal Accessibility.
- c. To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3

To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.

Objectives:

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.
- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

Goal Number 4

As residential growth continues within the City, the parks and natural areas owned by the City continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage.

Objectives:

- a. To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands as appropriate to balance the existing park system.



Goal Number 5

To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b. To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 6

To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the City for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.

Objectives:

- a. To support the implementation of the City of Midland Non-Motorized Transportation Improvement Plan.

Goal Number 7

To strengthen recreation opportunities which take advantage of Midland's water resources such as the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers.

Objectives:

- a. To support the development of water trails along the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers.
- b. To encourage the redevelopment of naturalized riverfronts through the removal of invasive species, the planting of native species, and the reestablishment of natural banks.



- c. To increase public access to the river through land acquisition and facility development for fishing, canoe, kayak, and boat access, wildlife viewing and overall river bank access.
- d. To develop opportunities, alone or in partnership with other agencies, to educate citizens about the area's natural resources.

Goal Number 8

To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.

Objectives:

- a. To continue to seek new, and support existing, cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

Goal Number 9

To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the City residents and visitors.

Objectives:

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the City's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

Goal Number 10

To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.

Objectives:

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.



Goal Number 11

Provide quality outdoor leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities that improve health and wellness.

Objectives:

- a. Provide programming that allows residents to enjoy the benefits of physical fitness.
- b. Maintain and encourage additional partnerships with schools and other recreational groups to further enhance and diversify the programs, leagues, and special events available to residents.
- c. Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.





VI. Action Program

Working Hard for Results

Overview

With goals and objectives in place, staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission developed a five-year action program that will enable the City to move toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The action program details the direction the City of Midland wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of its park and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects are shown on the following pages. Each action item on the project list relates to one or more of the goals from the Goals and Objectives section of this plan. The potential capital improvements that are described on the following page have been established to provide a framework for decision makers, and to enable Midland to apply for grant funding for the proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element nor is it exhaustive. The project list reflects the results of the input received from the Parks & Recreation Commission, City staff, and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

The action program is shown on the following pages. Action items are listed by park and are not shown in any priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification purposes only.





Midland Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Action Program

Item #	Park Location	Action Item
1	Caldwell Boat Launch	Create master plan for Caldwell boat launch
2	Central Park	Install bocce ball courts at Central Park
3	Central Park	Install ADA-compliant paved path in Central Park
4	Central Park	Create master plan for Central Park
5	Central Park	Evaluate Central Park tennis courts as part of community tennis / pickleball needs
6	Central Park or Blake Park	Develop multi-purpose sports fields at Central Park and Blake Park/Ashman fields
7	Central Park or Chippewassee Park	Install a fitness trail with outdoor fitness equipment at either Chippewassee or Central Park
8	Chippewassee Park	Evaluate accessibility of Chippewassee Park for community events
9	City Forest	Create master plan for City Forest
10	City Forest	Evaluate toboggan runs for future use and renovations
11	Disc golf	Develop a priority list of improvements for disc golf in collaboration with the user group
12	Emerson Park	Install river overlook decks in Emerson Park
13	Emerson Park	Renovate water intake pumphouse at upper Emerson Park to create river overlook platform
14	Emerson Park	Develop future plan for Currie Stadium
15	Emerson Park, Redcoats Complex	Evaluate softball programming and facilities
16	Optimist Park	Create master plan for Optimist Park
17	Plymouth Park	Construct a trail system in Plymouth Park
18	Rail Trail	Develop a long-range maintenance plan for Rail Trail in cooperation with other stakeholders



Item #	Park Location	Action Item
19	Riverfront	Install boardwalk along Tittabawassee river corridor
20	Riverfront	Remove invasive species along riverbank to open up views and access to the rivers
21	Riverfront	Install an ADA-accessible canoe/kayak launch on Tittabawassee River
22	Stratford Woods Park	Extend Patrick Road bike path into Stratford Woods Park as part of the Loop Trail system
23	Stratford Woods Park	Create master plan for Stratford Woods Park
24	Trilogy Skate Park	Evaluate skate park in Chippewassee for major maintenance needs and renovations
25	Various parks	Evaluate and upgrade park signage
26	Various parks	Evaluate restroom facilities for renovations and incorporate ADA design where possible
27	Various parks	Develop restroom policy on what level of facility is appropriate for each park type
28	Various parks	Develop long-range maintenance plans for existing facilities and pavilions, and consider funding structure to support the plans
29	Various parks	Evaluate parks for best location to install a pump track
30	Various parks	Research development of "Friends of the Park" user groups for certain parks
31	Various parks	Emphasize use of native plant species where appropriate in parks landscaping
32	Various parks	Evaluate possibility of a natural playground
33	Various parks	Develop Parks and Recreation mobile app or mobile-friendly website



VII. Summary of the Planning Process and Adoption

Community Outreach

Midland's Commitment to Strong Planning Principles

In an effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Midland has developed this recreation plan as a tool to guide the development of park and recreational facilities over the next five years. This plan represents the ongoing commitment by the City to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide Midland eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the City in reaching its recreational goals.

The City of Midland contracted with PM Blough, Inc. of Grand Haven, Michigan to assist the Parks & Recreation Commission with updating the Parks and Recreation master plan.

Data was collected about the City of Midland, including demographics and an inventory of the facilities within the over 70 parks owned and operated by the City. This data was gathered from a number of resources including City staff, the 2010 Midland Parks & Recreation Master Plan, the Parks & Recreation Commission, research of aerial images provided by Google Earth and through field visits.

Online Survey

An online public survey was used as the main tool to gather community input and was made available for a 30 day period. The online survey was advertised via social media, including the City's website and Facebook pages, as well as through an article in the local newspaper, and a link to the survey was distributed to various community partner organizations and key stakeholders for distribution as well as emailed to all current recreation participants registered with the City of Midland's parks office. The survey link was also provided to the Access to Recreation committee to ensure distribution to those agencies representing the disability community. A total of 597 responses were received from a good cross section of the community with regard to age, household income, and length of residency. Please reference Appendix A for the detailed results of the survey.



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City seeks input on Parks & Rec Master Plan

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The City of Midland wants to know if its parks and recreation programs meet the needs of residents.

The Midland Parks and Recreation Department is updating its Master Plan and is looking feedback on how people use local parks. Visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/recreation for a link to the survey through Oct. 19.

Paper copies are available at the department's office in the Municipal Service Center, 4811 N. Saginaw Road.

"The Master Plan sets our priorities of what's to come for the next five years," Midland Recreation Manager Marcie Post said. "We're looking for residents to fill that out for us to help guide what to do with our parks."

The survey asks about current park usage and

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PARKS: City seeking input

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program attendance as well as what could be improved.

"It gives us an idea of what our residents are looking for," Post said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the input."

If there is strong interest in one program or facility, that could help set priorities.

"In the last Master Plan we had, people said don't build anything else, but maintain what we had," Post said, so the city looked to bring its current assets up to date.

The Master Plan is updated every five years.

Midland Public Services Director Karen Murphy said the last plan was done entirely by consultants, but the current update will be done partially in-house. This will save the city money and help personalize it to Midland's needs, she said.

Based on prior experiences, using the online survey will help gather a wider base of feedback than hosting an open house on the Master Plan, Murphy said. She also is looking forward to seeing the survey responses.

"I think we'll end up with a really good product in the end," Murphy said.

The Midland Parks and Recreation Commission

received an annual update on the city's progress on its Master Plan goals, which Murphy presented at the commission's September meeting.

Since the last plan was created, the city has expanded youth and adult recreation program offerings, partnered with more community organizations, replaced playground equipment, removed invasive species to create natural areas in parks, created long-term maintenance plans for parks, updated signs in several parks and more.

Questions about the Midland Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan can be directed to the department by calling (989) 837-6930 or e-mailing the office at recreation@midland-mi.org.

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Link to survey – distributed via email and Facebook

*Help shape the future of
Midland Parks and Recreation!*



TOGETHER. SHAPING THE FUTURE.

Every five years the Parks and Recreation Department undergoes a revamp of our master plan. The master plan identifies new projects along with existing maintenance needs that will help guide our actions going forward to make the best use of our resources.

We are looking for your input! Please take this survey to let us know what your thoughts are on the future for Midland Parks and Recreation!. [Click here for the survey!](#)

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Press release for online public survey

NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Libby Richart
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DATE: September 19, 2014

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We are looking for your input. Please help us by taking an online survey to let us know what your thoughts are on the future of Midland Parks and Recreation. Visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/recreation for a link to the survey. Not tech savvy? Contact the Parks and Recreation Department and we can get you a paper copy.

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Goal Development

Based upon the existing data collected and the public input from the online survey, staff from the Parks and Recreation supervisory team and the Parks & Recreation Commission developed goals for parks and recreation in the City of Midland. The Parks & Recreation Commission then assisted staff in developing an action program to accomplish these goals.

Draft Plan and Public Hearing

Staff, along with guidance from PM Blough, Inc., completed a draft recreation plan which was subsequently made available for review at the Municipal Service Center, Grace A Dow Library and online at www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/recreation. The 30 day Notice of Review was posted on the City of Midland's website on January 7, 2015, and was published in the Midland Daily News on January 13, 2015.

At their February 3, 2015 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Commission passed a resolution recommending adoption of the 2015-2019 City of Midland Parks and Recreation Plan by City Council. The final opportunity for community input occurred at an advertised public hearing held on February 16, 2015 at the City Council meeting. This public hearing was advertised in the Midland Daily News on January 30, 2015.

Adoption and Distribution of Final Plan

As a final step, the plan was transmitted to the City Council for its review and approval. The City of Midland approved a resolution to adopt the recreation plan at the City Council meeting on February 16, 2015. Copies of the recreation plan were transmitted to Midland County, the East Central Michigan Planning & Development Regional Commission and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on February 25, 2015. A completed "Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Certification Checklist" was also transmitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources along with the final recreation plan.

Copies of the certification checklist, the notification of plan review advertisements, the resolutions from the Parks Commission and City Council, the public hearing minutes, and the transmittal letters to the regional planning commissions are included in Appendix B.



Appendix A

2014 City of Midland Park Survey



Community Recreation Survey

City of Midland Five Year Recreation Plan



Summary Issued October 31, 2014



Recreation Survey Background

The City of Midland embarked in the fall of 2014 to update the existing City of Midland Five Year Recreation Plan. As part of the planning process to gather public input, a public survey was developed and made available to the public. The format of the survey was an electronic survey, facilitated through Survey Monkey, with paper copies also available upon request. The link to the survey was shared via public announcements, direct emails, the City's website, and a public advertisement.

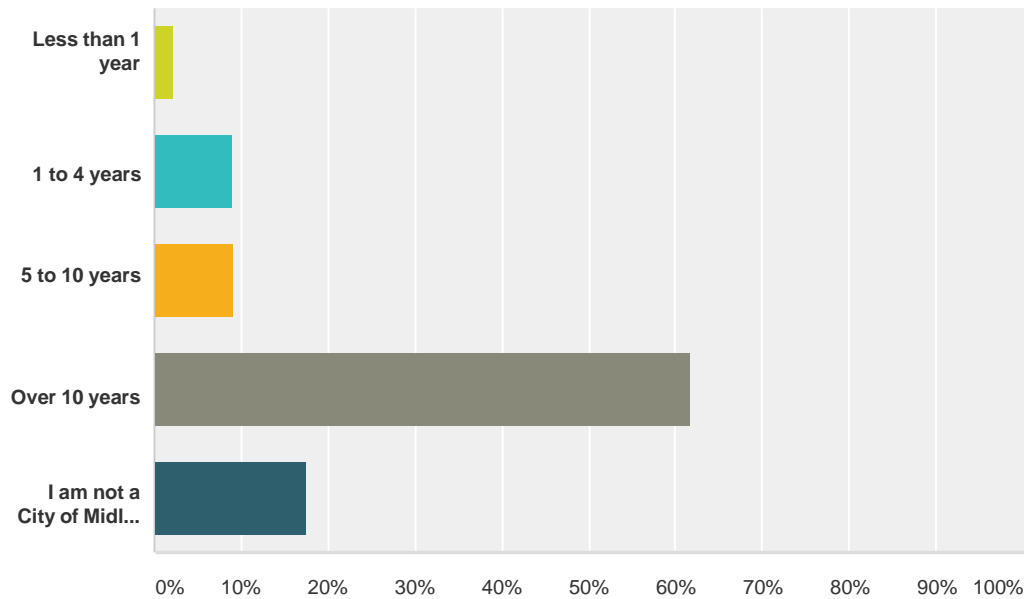
A total of 30 questions were offered for resident responses, with many of the questions offering opportunities for open ended responses. The survey was open for public comment for approximately six weeks in a time period spanning over the months of September and October. A total of 597 responses were received with respondents of all ages from under eighteen to over 75 years of age, and included many thoughtful comments from residents.

Included in this summary are detailed results of each question including the written responses received to each question.

The survey and the summary was developed as part of the overall planning effort being coordinated by the City of Midland and the firm PM Blough.

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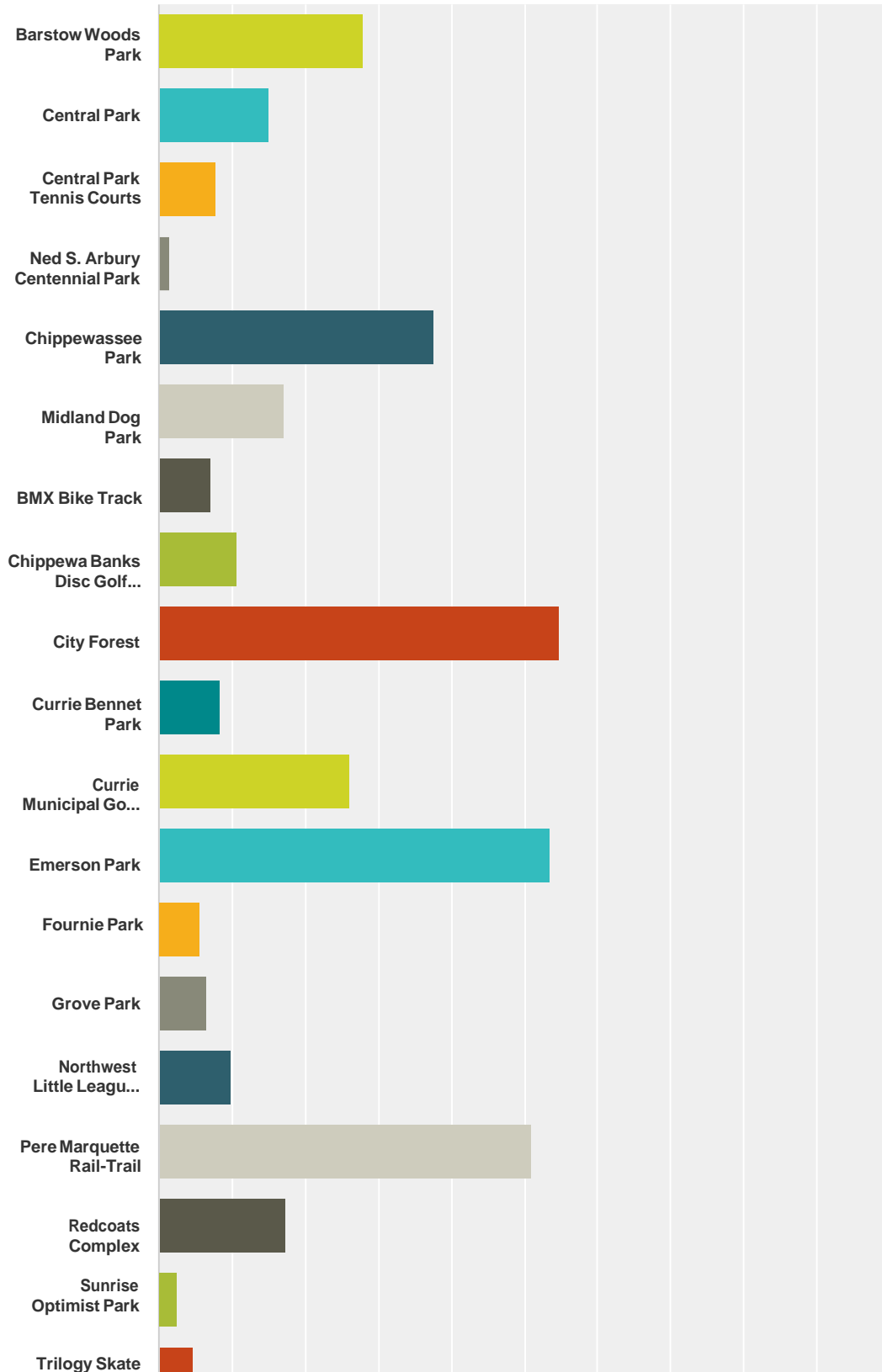
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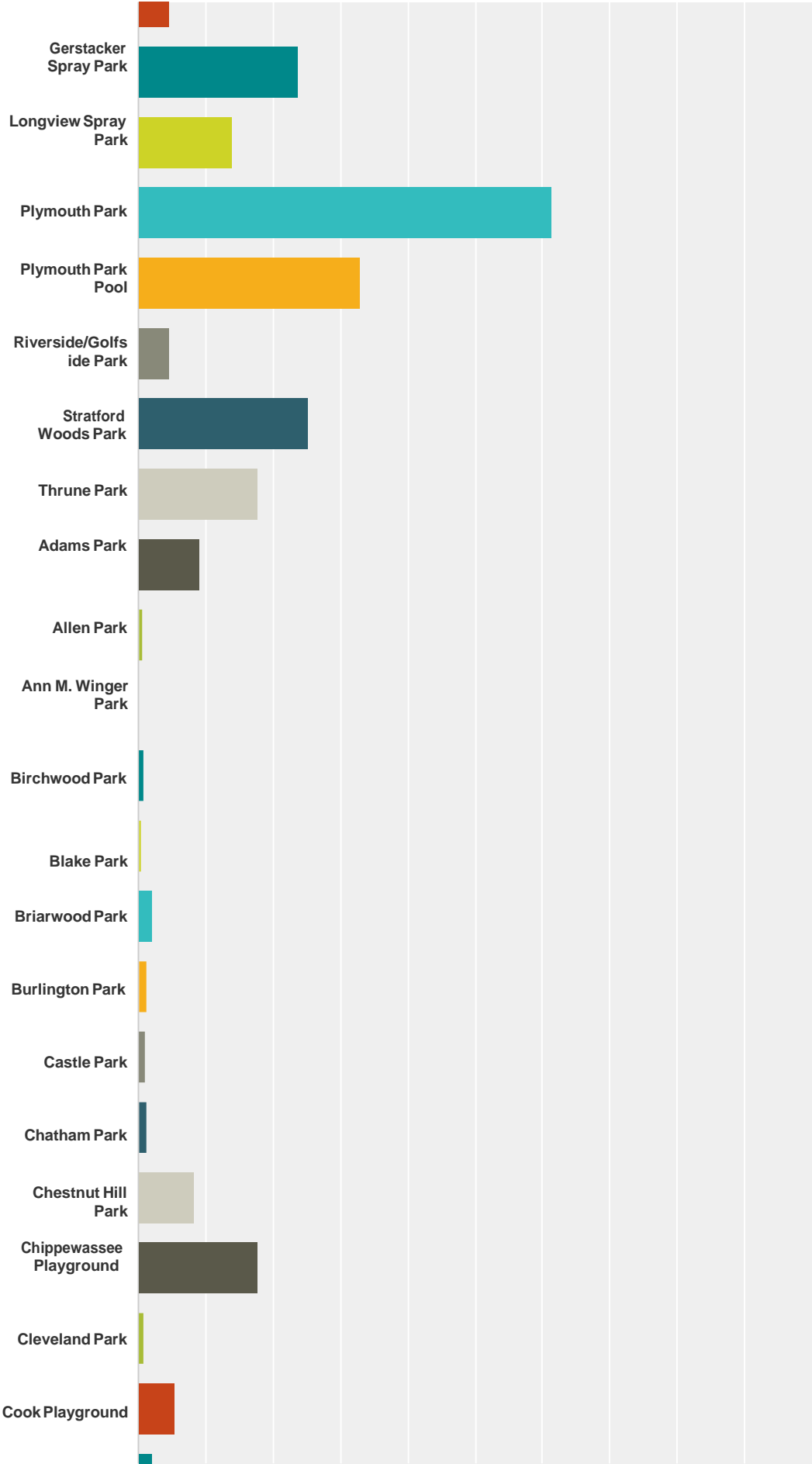


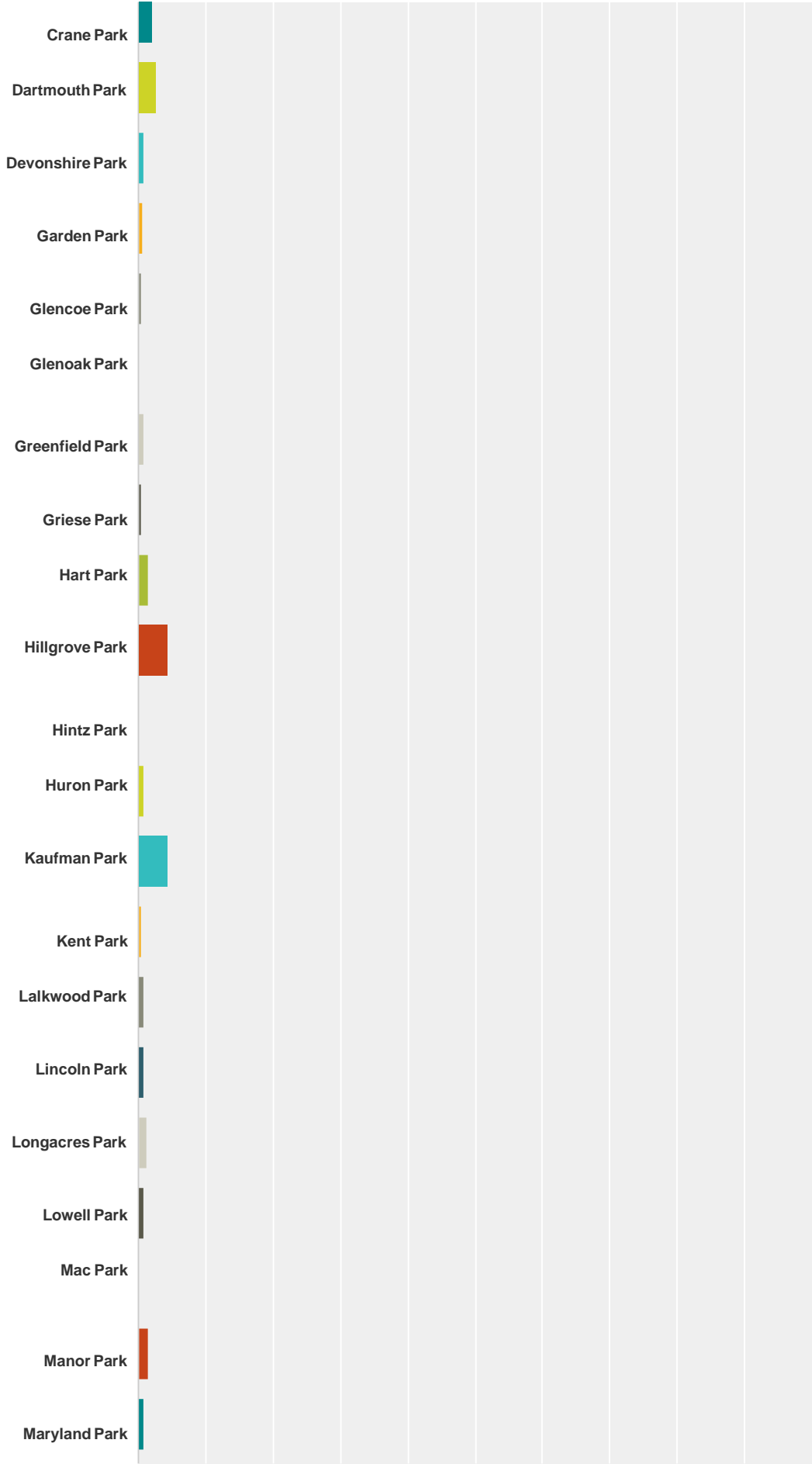
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Less than 1 year	2.22%	13
1 to 4 years	9.06%	53
5 to 10 years	9.23%	54
Over 10 years	61.88%	362
I am not a City of Midland resident	17.61%	103
Total		585

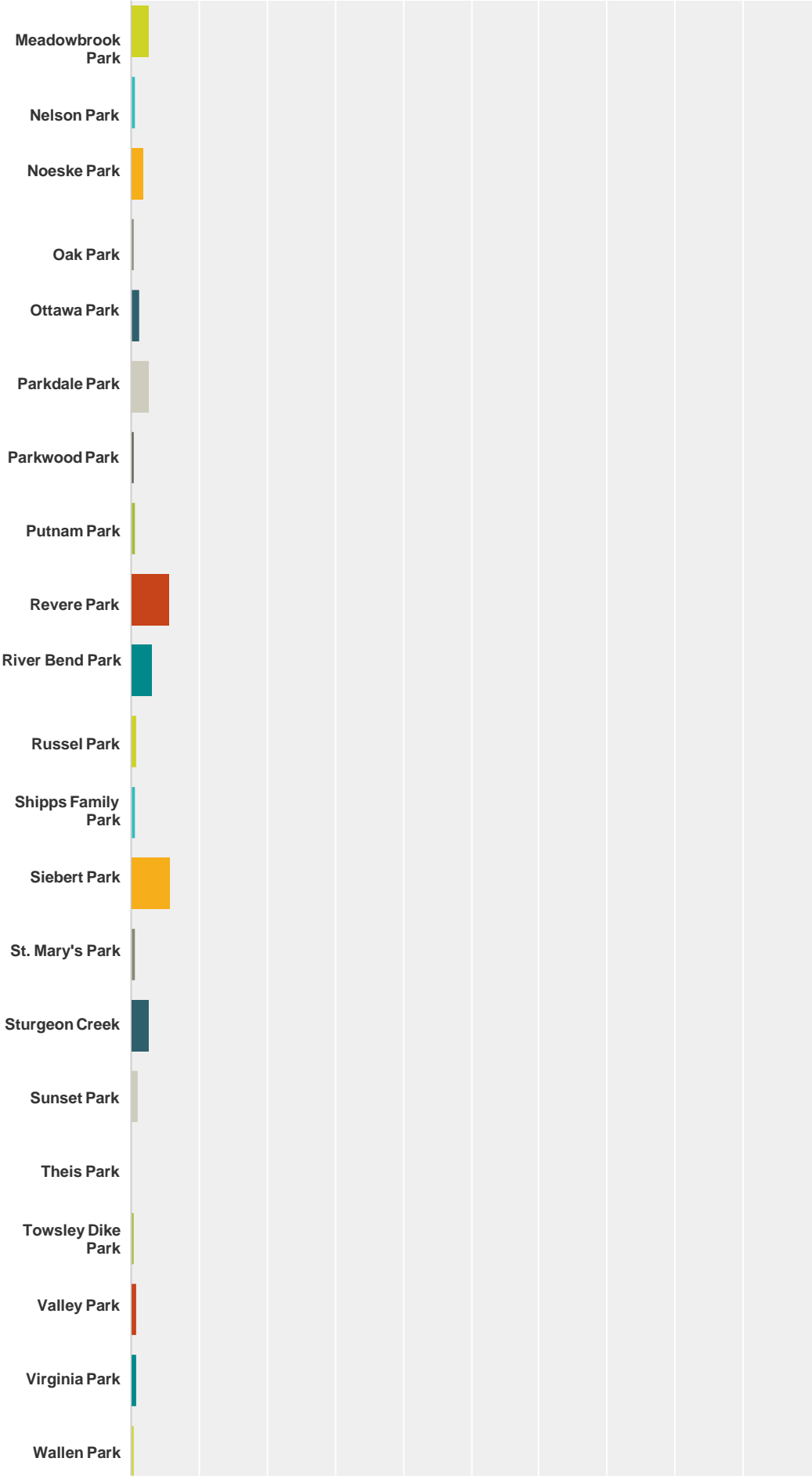
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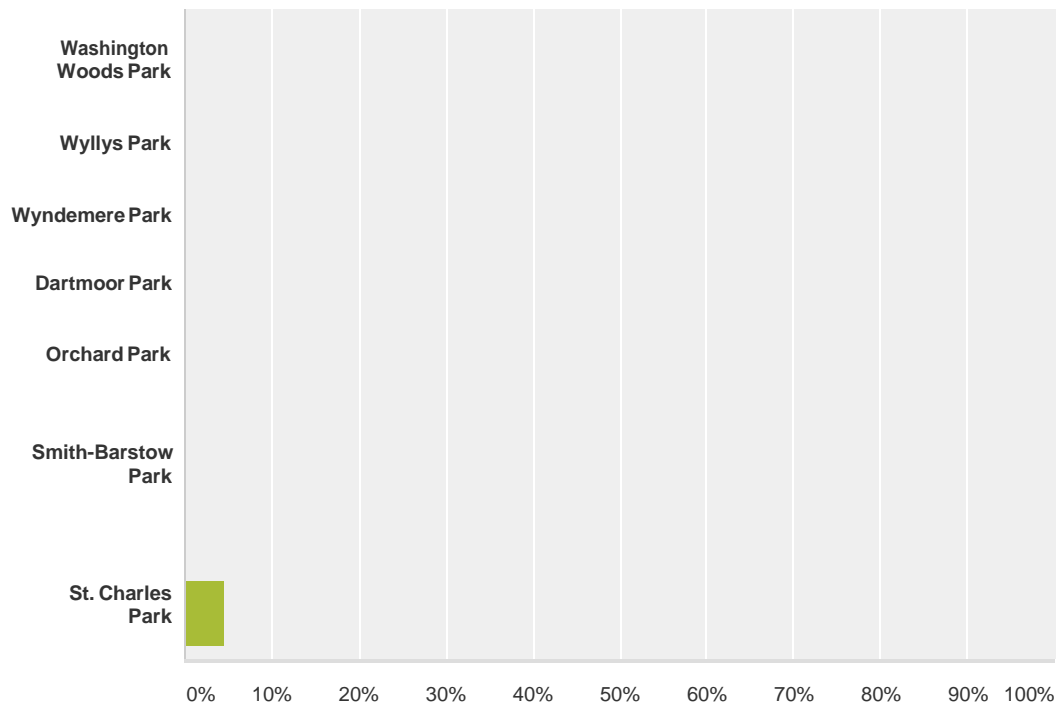
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Answer Choices	Responses
Barstow Woods Park	27.95% 149
Central Park	15.01% 80
Central Park Tennis Courts	7.69% 41
Ned S. Arbury Centennial Park	1.50% 8
Chippewassee Park	37.52% 200
Midland Dog Park	17.07% 91
BMX Bike Track	7.13% 38
Chippewa Banks Disc Golf Course	10.69% 57
City Forest	54.60% 291
Currie Bennet Park	8.44% 45
Currie Municipal Golf Course	26.08% 139
Emerson Park	53.47% 285
Fournie Park	5.63% 30
Grove Park	6.38% 34
Northwest Little League Complex	9.76% 52
Pere Marquette Rail-Trail	50.84% 271
Redcoats Complex	17.26% 92
Sunrise Optimist Park	2.44% 13

Trilogy Skate Park	4.69%	25
Gerstacker Spray Park	23.83%	127
Longview Spray Park	13.88%	74
Plymouth Park	61.35%	327
Plymouth Park Pool	33.02%	176
Riverside/Golfside Park	4.69%	25
Stratford Woods Park	25.33%	135
Throne Park	17.82%	95
Adams Park	9.19%	49
Allen Park	0.56%	3
Ann M. Winger Park	0.19%	1
Birchwood Park	0.94%	5
Blake Park	0.38%	2
Briarwood Park	2.06%	11
Burlington Park	1.31%	7
Castle Park	1.13%	6
Chatham Park	1.31%	7
Chestnut Hill Park	8.26%	44
Chippewassee Playgroungd	17.82%	95
Cleveland Park	0.94%	5
Cook Playground	5.44%	29
Crane Park	2.06%	11
Dartmouth Park	2.63%	14
Devonshire Park	0.75%	4
Garden Park	0.56%	3
Glencoe Park	0.38%	2
Glenoak Park	0.00%	0
Greenfield Park	0.94%	5
Griese Park	0.38%	2
Hart Park	1.50%	8
Hillgrove Park	4.32%	23
Hintz Park	0.19%	1

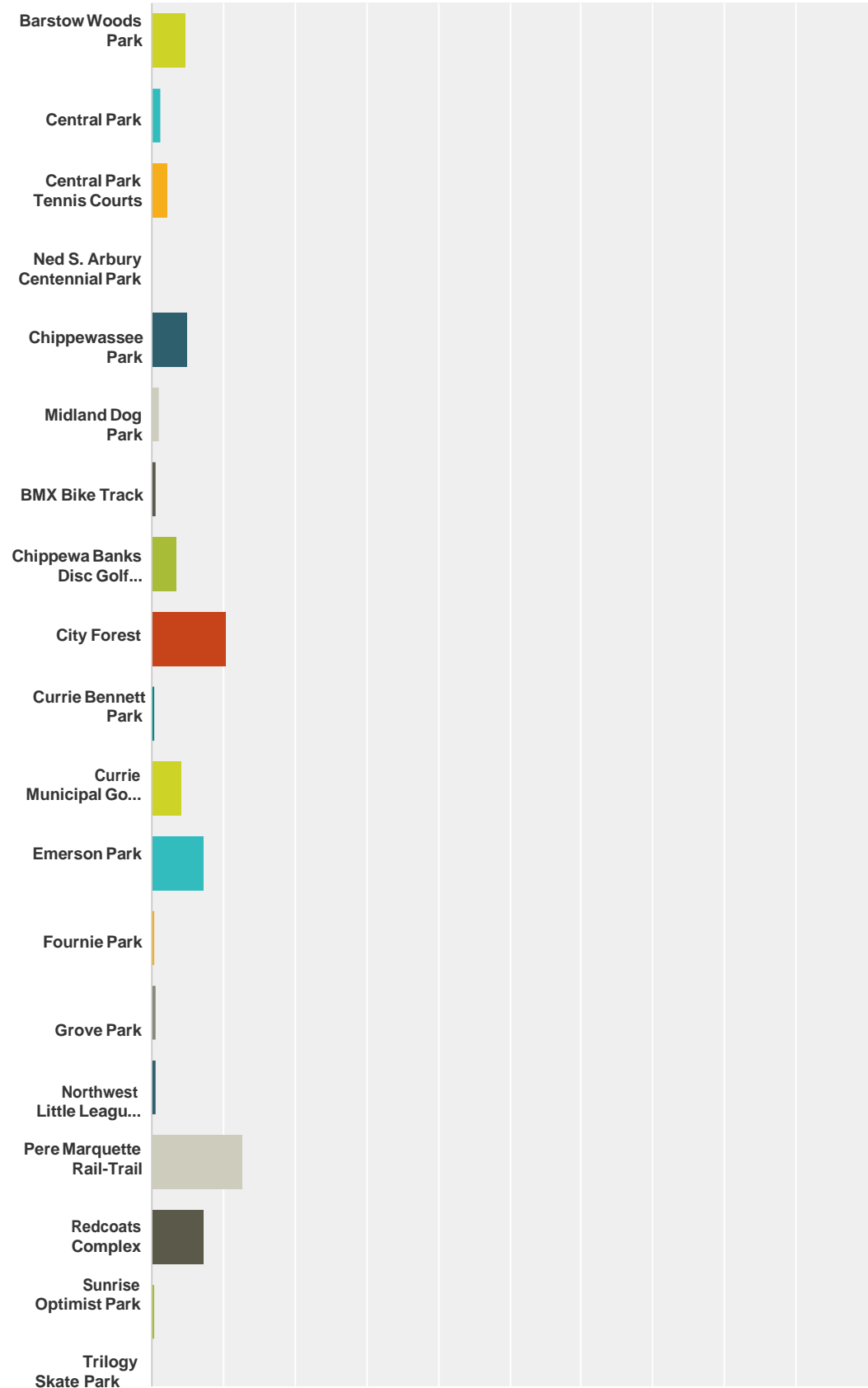
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Lalkwood Park	0.94%	5
Lincoln Park	0.94%	5
Longacres Park	1.31%	7
Lowell Park	0.94%	5
Mac Park	0.00%	0
Manor Park	1.50%	8
Maryland Park	0.94%	5
Meadowbrook Park	2.63%	14
Nelson Park	0.56%	3
Noeske Park	1.88%	10
Oak Park	0.38%	2
Ottawa Park	1.31%	7
Parkdale Park	2.81%	15
Parkwood Park	0.38%	2
Putnam Park	0.56%	3
Revere Park	5.63%	30
River Bend Park	3.19%	17
Russel Park	0.75%	4
Shipps Family Park	0.56%	3
Siebert Park	5.82%	31
St. Mary's Park	0.56%	3
Sturgeon Creek	2.81%	15
Sunset Park	1.13%	6
Theis Park	0.00%	0
Towsley Dike Park	0.38%	2
Valley Park	0.75%	4
Virginia Park	0.94%	5
Wallen Park	0.38%	2
Washington Woods Park	1.31%	7

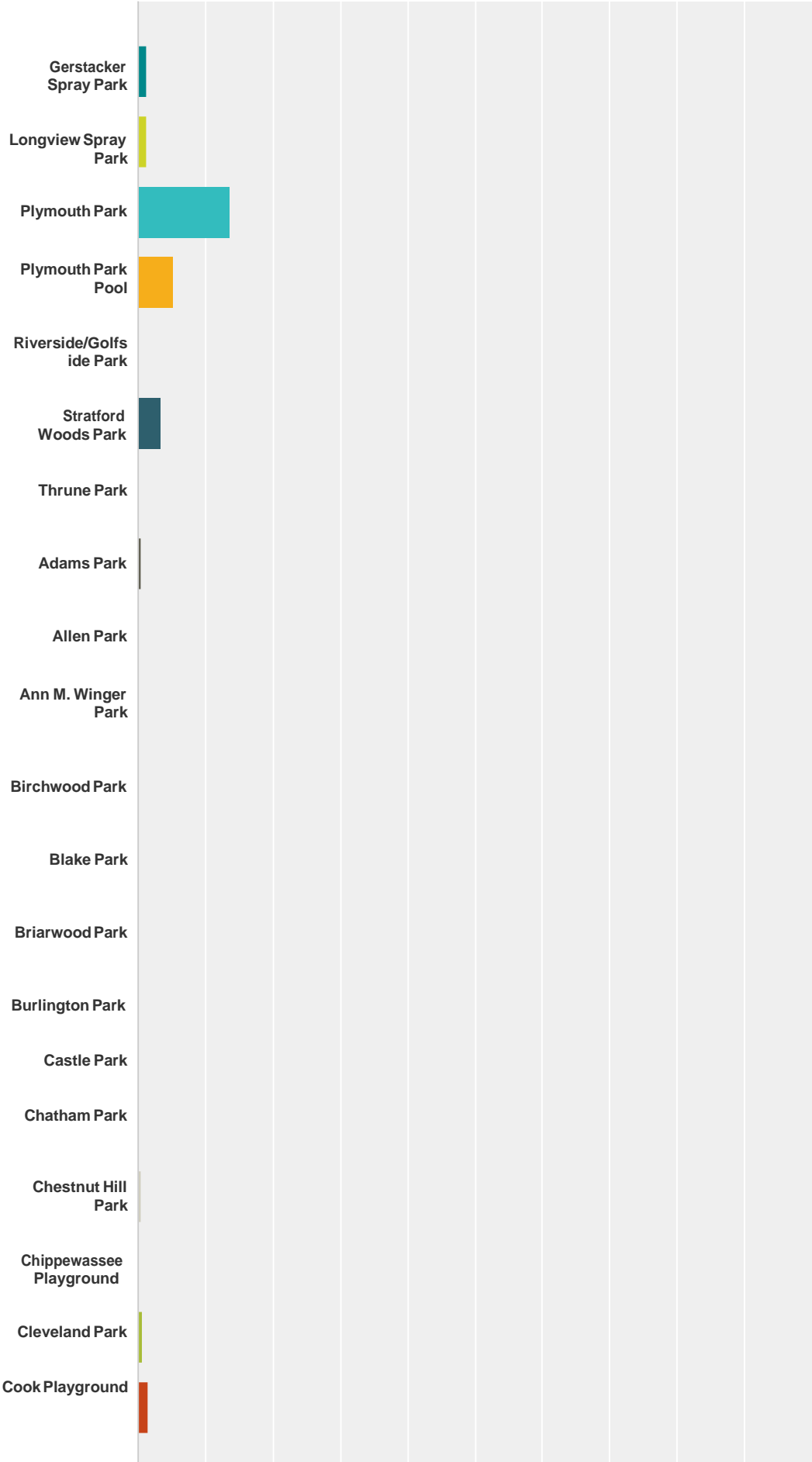
Wyllys Park	1.31%	7
Wyndemere Park	1.50%	8
Dartmoor Park	0.56%	3
Orchard Park	0.75%	4
Smith-Barstow Park	0.75%	4
St. Charles Park	4.50%	24
Total Respondents: 533		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Midland Area Community Foundation Park	10/1/2014 1:50 PM
2	Whitting Overlook; Tridge	9/30/2014 8:15 PM
3	city forrest chalet-party	9/30/2014 8:14 PM
4	Downtown river walk by farmers market - name?	9/30/2014 12:14 PM
5	Central Park Pickleball Courts	9/26/2014 6:01 PM
6	Sanford lake	9/22/2014 10:16 PM
7	Pine haven	9/22/2014 9:12 PM
8	Pickelball courts	9/22/2014 6:14 PM
9	Fun Zone and downtown Spray Park	9/22/2014 2:20 PM
10	Wheeler Park	9/22/2014 1:57 PM
11	emerson park boat launch	9/22/2014 12:36 AM
12	Woodcrest Elementary	9/21/2014 1:49 PM
13	dog park by the tridge	9/20/2014 5:13 PM
14	Whiting Forest	9/19/2014 8:42 PM
15	Disk golf Park	9/19/2014 11:49 AM
16	Skate park	9/19/2014 9:43 AM
17	optimist park	9/18/2014 8:00 PM
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Q3 Which park did you visit the MOST during the last year? (select ONLY one)

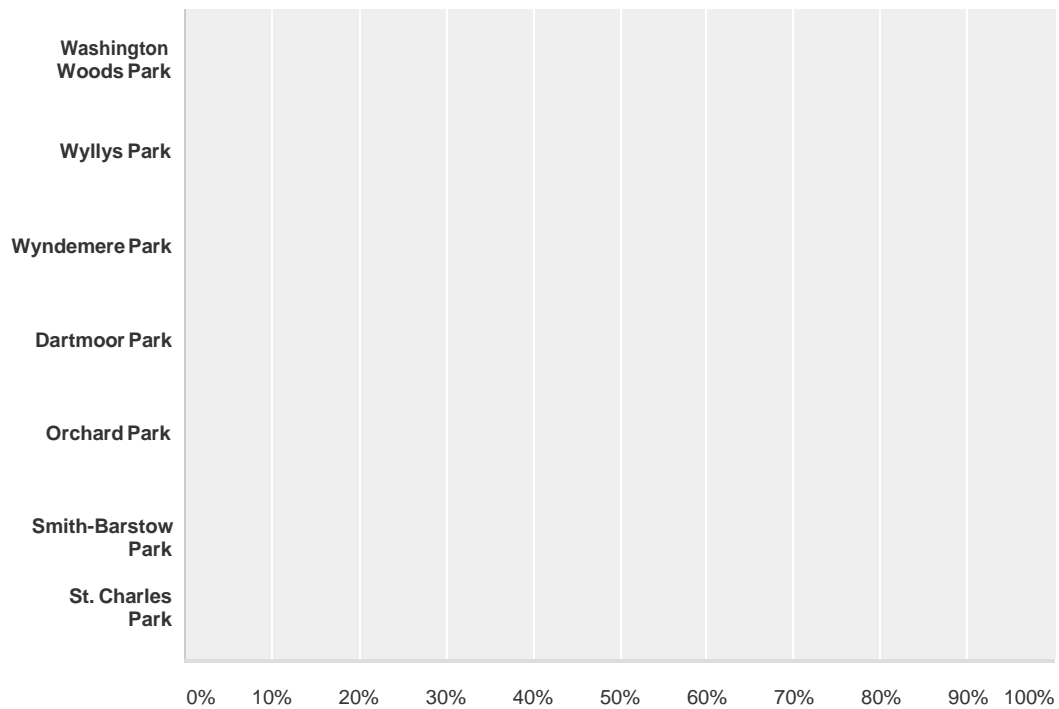
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Siebert Park									
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Sturgeon Creek									
Sunset Park									
Theis Park									
Towsley Dike Park									
Valley Park									
Virginia Park									
Wallen Park									



Answer Choices	Responses
Barstow Woods Park	4.85% 25
Central Park	1.17% 6
Central Park Tennis Courts	2.33% 12
Ned S. Arbury Centennial Park	0.00% 0
Chippewassee Park	5.05% 26
Midland Dog Park	0.97% 5
BMX Bike Track	0.58% 3
Chippewa Banks Disc Golf Course	3.50% 18
City Forest	10.49% 54
Currie Bennett Park	0.39% 2
Currie Municipal Golf Course	4.27% 22
Emerson Park	7.38% 38
Fournie Park	0.39% 2
Grove Park	0.58% 3
Northwest Little League Complex	0.58% 3
Pere Marquette Rail-Trail	12.82% 66
Redcoats Complex	7.38% 38
Sunrise Optimist Park	0.39% 2

Trilogy Skate Park	0.19%	1
Gerstacker Spray Park	1.17%	6
Longview Spray Park	1.17%	6
Plymouth Park	13.59%	70
Plymouth Park Pool	5.24%	27
Riverside/Golfside Park	0.00%	0
Stratford Woods Park	3.30%	17
Throne Park	0.00%	0
Adams Park	0.39%	2
Allen Park	0.00%	0
Ann M. Winger Park	0.00%	0
Birchwood Park	0.00%	0
Blake Park	0.00%	0
Briarwood Park	0.19%	1
Burlington Park	0.00%	0
Castle Park	0.00%	0
Chatham Park	0.00%	0
Chestnut Hill Park	0.39%	2
Chippewassee Playground	0.19%	1
Cleveland Park	0.58%	3
Cook Playground	1.36%	7
Crane Park	0.00%	0
Dartmouth Park	0.19%	1
Devonshire Park	0.19%	1
Garden Park	0.19%	1
Glencoe Park	0.00%	0
Glenoak Park	0.00%	0
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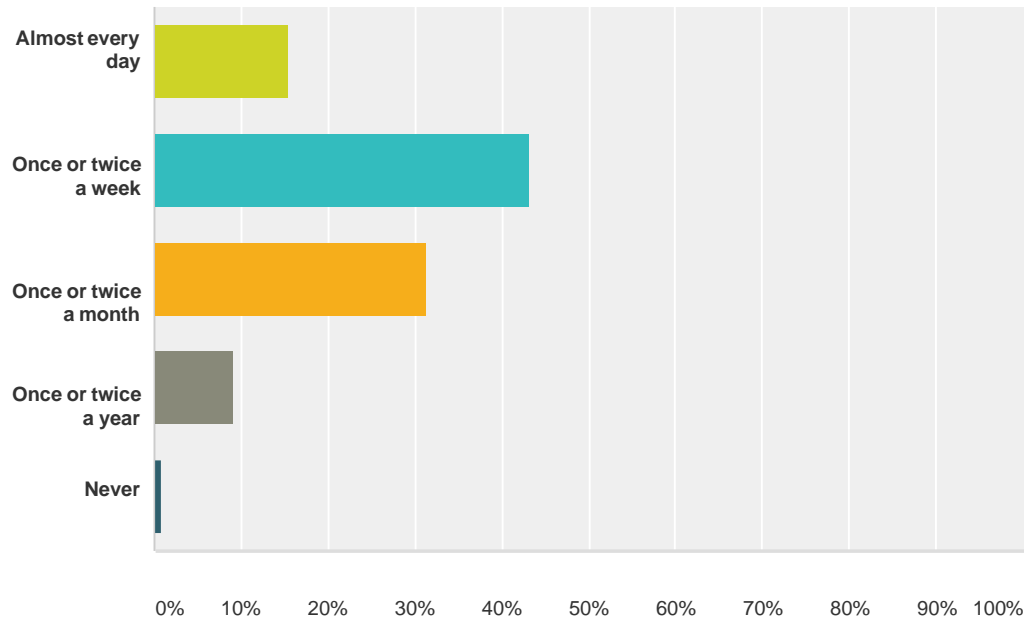
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Lowell Park	0.19%	1
Mac Park	0.19%	1
Manor Park	0.00%	0
Maryland Park	0.58%	3
Meadowbrook Park	0.39%	2
Nelson Park	0.19%	1
Noeske Park	0.00%	0
Oak Park	0.00%	0
Ottawa Park	0.19%	1
Parkdale Park	0.00%	0
Parkwood Park	0.19%	1
Putnam Park	0.00%	0
Revere Park	0.39%	2
River Bend Park	0.19%	1
Russel Park	0.00%	0
Shipps Family Park	0.00%	0
Siebert Park	1.17%	6
St. Mary's Park	0.19%	1
Sturgeon Creek	0.00%	0
Sunset Park	0.19%	1
Theis Park	0.00%	0
Towsley Dike Park	0.00%	0
Valley Park	0.00%	0
Virginia Park	0.19%	1
Wallen Park	0.00%	0
Washington Woods Park	0.00%	0

Wyllys Park	0.19%	1
Wyndemere Park	0.19%	1
Dartmoor Park	0.00%	0
Orchard Park	0.19%	1
Smith-Barstow Park	0.00%	0
St. Charles Park	0.19%	1
Total		515

#	Other (please specify)	Date
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2	Pickelballll courts behind King's Daughters	9/22/2014 6:14 PM
3	Fun Zone and downtown Spray Park	9/22/2014 2:20 PM
4	emerson park boat launch	9/22/2014 12:36 AM
5	Disk golf Park	9/19/2014 11:49 AM
6	Girls ball park on waldo	9/18/2014 7:21 PM
7	civic arena	9/18/2014 5:38 PM

Q4 How often would you say you visit a City park?

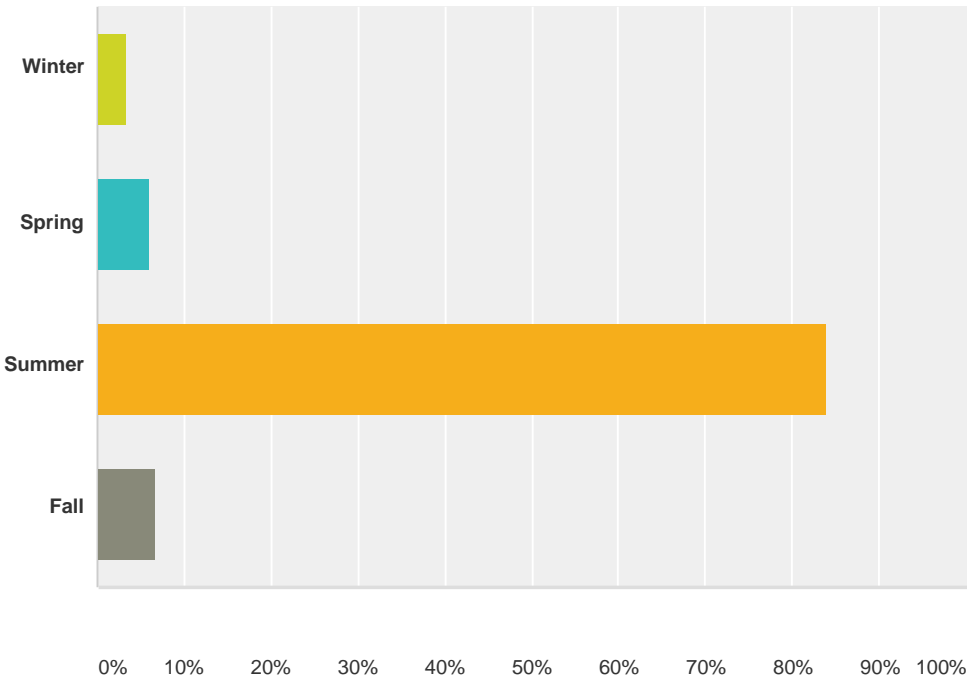
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Almost every day	15.44%	82
Once or twice a week	43.31%	230
Once or twice a month	31.26%	166
Once or twice a year	9.23%	49
Never	0.75%	4
Total		531

Q5 During which season of the year did you visit the parks most?

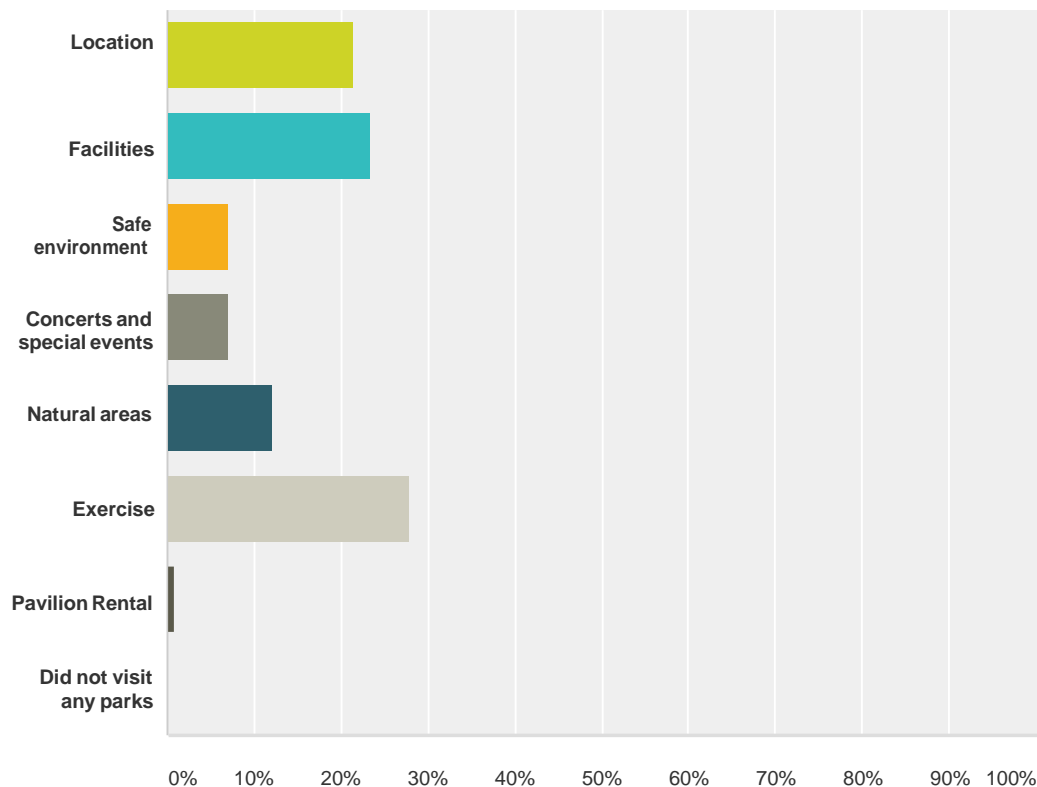
Answered: 525 Skipped: 72



Answer Choices	Responses
Winter	3.24%17
Spring	6.10%32
Summer	84.00%441
Fall	6.67%35
Total	525

Q6 Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision to visit a park in the last year?

Answered: 484 Skipped: 113



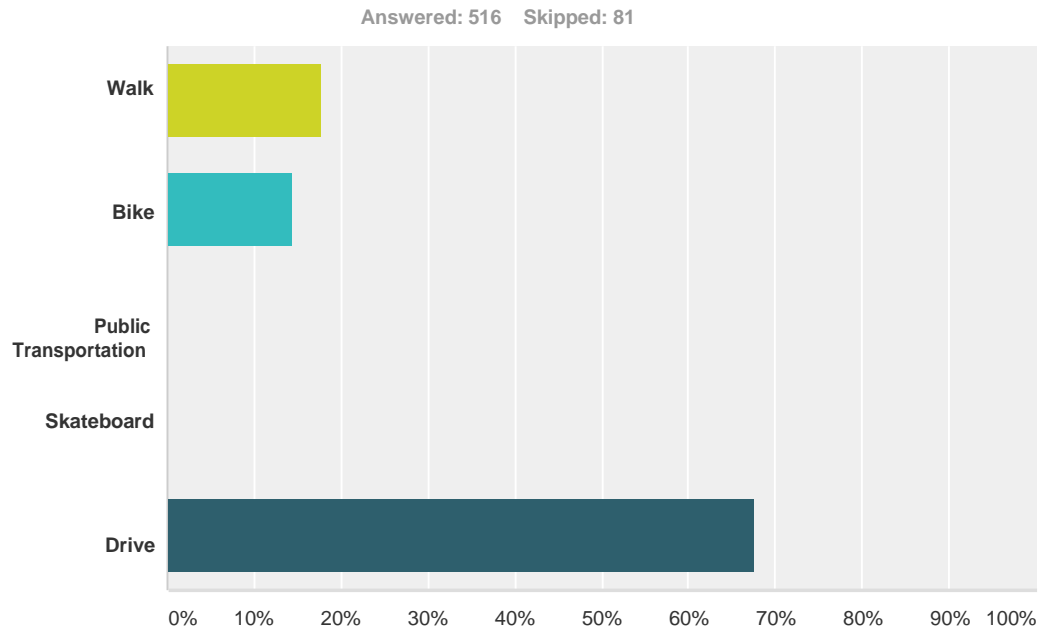
Answer Choices	Responses
Location	21.49% 104
Facilities	23.35% 113
Safe environment	7.02% 34
Concerts and special events	7.02% 34
Natural areas	12.19% 59
Exercise	27.89% 135
Pavilion Rental	0.83% 4
Did not visit any parks	0.21% 1
Total	484

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Dog friendly	10/12/2014 3:09 PM
2	I use the park based on the hours when there are the least number of dogs off leash.	10/8/2014 7:52 PM

3	Softball	10/8/2014 3:37 PM
4	Dog Walking, off leash.	10/4/2014 10:34 AM
5	disc golf	10/3/2014 8:20 AM
6	Dog parks	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
7	Pet friendly	10/1/2014 9:53 PM
8	Having a dog park that is also an interesting place for a young child most impact my park choice decisions.	10/1/2014 5:40 PM
9	Disc golf	10/1/2014 2:56 PM
10	mountain biking/cycling	10/1/2014 9:48 AM
11	Disc golf!	10/1/2014 12:15 AM
12	dog walk	9/30/2014 8:16 PM
13	To throw disc golf.	9/30/2014 5:16 PM
14	Ride my horse	9/30/2014 5:01 PM
15	Disc Golf Leagues	9/30/2014 4:02 PM
16	Disc Golf, I travel to many places to play, I live in Mt. Pleasant, so, Midland offers a good course, good places for lunch, etc, more courses would result in more of my time spent in your city, more meals, more gas bought, more shopping, etc., BUILD A SECOND COURSE TO COMPLIMENT YOUR ALREADY GOOD COURSE!! :D	9/30/2014 3:46 PM
17	Running in the city forest is my primary form of exercise, on the mountain bike trails.	9/29/2014 11:48 PM
18	Dog friendly	9/29/2014 3:02 PM
19	Sporting event	9/27/2014 11:46 PM
20	barstow woods great dog park almost completely fenced in	9/24/2014 4:33 PM
21	Specifically play ground equipment.	9/24/2014 3:37 PM
22	softball	9/24/2014 3:23 PM
23	Special Olympics use this location often.	9/24/2014 11:32 AM
24	Farm market	9/23/2014 8:08 AM
25	Bike riding	9/23/2014 12:07 AM
26	mtn bike trails	9/22/2014 10:57 PM
27	Horse back riding/running/biking	9/22/2014 9:13 PM
28	Kids play area	9/22/2014 2:21 PM
29	Instructional Golf League	9/22/2014 10:13 AM
30	Took my nephews there	9/21/2014 9:20 PM
31	Dog running.	9/21/2014 3:48 PM
32	I have a Jack Russell Terrier. We are at some park twice every day.	9/20/2014 12:57 PM
33	Softball	9/19/2014 9:48 PM
34	access to X-country skiing	9/19/2014 6:05 PM
35	A place to enjoy the outdoors	9/19/2014 4:34 PM
36	My property backs up to a city park.	9/19/2014 3:36 PM
37	I generally like to go to parks with less people.	9/19/2014 2:24 PM
38	Outdoor Pool	9/19/2014 1:40 PM
39	Geocaching	9/19/2014 12:43 PM

40	Facilities & Events like fireworks	9/19/2014 10:41 AM
41	Softball	9/19/2014 10:29 AM
42	It depends on what we want to do. My husband's plays softball so wet go to those parks very often. My son plays soccer do we go to long acres to practice. We go to Greenfield to play on equipment, because it's close. We go to Plymouth Park for play dates because there's more to do. I run in the dog park because I enjoy getting off the sidewalk. The isn't one Park we go to. There are many for different reasons.	9/19/2014 10:21 AM
43	Bmx team	9/19/2014 9:45 AM
44	Quality of BMX Track	9/19/2014 9:38 AM
45	Softball games	9/19/2014 9:26 AM
46	Bmx races	9/19/2014 9:14 AM
47	Grandchildren love going to the parks.	9/19/2014 1:47 AM
48	It is used primarily as a dog park	9/18/2014 10:35 PM
49	Child friendly and relative ease for keeping an eye on many small kids at once.	9/18/2014 9:56 PM
50	Family gathering/events	9/18/2014 9:24 PM
51	Kid friendly	9/18/2014 9:08 PM
52	MGSL	9/18/2014 9:06 PM
53	Volleyball at Stratford and roller skate area at Emerson	9/18/2014 8:49 PM
54	Animals welcome	9/18/2014 8:25 PM
55	Memories of my youth. Spent a lot of time in emerson parkfrom as esrly as i can remember thru adult hood.	9/18/2014 8:22 PM
56	Activities at the park. Ex, softball tournament, games	9/18/2014 8:02 PM
57	love sledding in the city forest in winter time/ used the local playground close to home which is Kaufman Park	9/18/2014 5:56 PM
58	Softball	9/18/2014 5:06 PM
59	softball league	9/18/2014 5:04 PM

Q7 What mode of transportation do you most often use to travel to a park?



Answer Choices	Responses
Walk	17.83% 92
Bike	14.34% 74
Public Transportation	0.19% 1
Skateboard	0.00% 0
Drive	67.64% 349
Total	516

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	walk to Barstow woods	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
2	Mountain bike	9/26/2014 10:39 PM
3	Depends on the weather...bike if it is nice weather	9/24/2014 8:54 AM
4	I	9/23/2014 10:20 AM
5	XX Skis	9/19/2014 6:05 PM
6	Run	9/19/2014 10:15 AM
7	run	9/19/2014 8:48 AM
8	Car	9/18/2014 10:56 PM
9	bike	9/18/2014 9:19 PM
10	Car	9/18/2014 8:38 PM

Q8 What is your favorite recreational activity?

Answered: 429 Skipped: 168

#	Responses	Date
1	Walking, picnicing	10/27/2014 4:38 PM
2	Fishing	10/27/2014 4:33 PM
3	Just being outside.	10/27/2014 4:26 PM
4	Dog walking	10/15/2014 3:40 PM
5	Nature walks.	10/14/2014 3:00 PM
6	walking	10/13/2014 12:51 PM
7	Walking	10/12/2014 3:09 PM
8	Just being with my dog and walking.	10/11/2014 1:06 AM
9	Pickleball	10/9/2014 11:54 AM
10	Walking	10/8/2014 7:52 PM
11	Softball	10/8/2014 3:37 PM
12	walking	10/7/2014 12:50 PM
13	Disc golg	10/6/2014 4:04 PM
14	walking paths with my dog	10/6/2014 8:08 AM
15	Swimming	10/6/2014 6:48 AM
16	Bicycle riding	10/5/2014 11:41 PM
17	Disc golfing & bike riding	10/4/2014 12:10 PM
18	Walking with my dog off-leash.	10/4/2014 10:34 AM
19	kayaking	10/3/2014 8:17 PM
20	Walking	10/3/2014 11:47 AM
21	disc golf	10/3/2014 8:20 AM
22	walking	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
23	disc golf	10/1/2014 11:15 PM
24	Run with dog	10/1/2014 9:53 PM
25	Walking	10/1/2014 5:40 PM
26	My kids enjoy climbing, bars, slides etc.	10/1/2014 5:24 PM
27	walking	10/1/2014 3:09 PM
28	Disc Golf	10/1/2014 2:56 PM
29	Playground equipment for my young children.	10/1/2014 1:51 PM
30	Video Gaming	10/1/2014 1:21 PM
31	Bicycling	10/1/2014 11:30 AM
32	mountain biking	10/1/2014 9:48 AM

33	biking	10/1/2014 9:25 AM
34	Walking or jogging.	10/1/2014 9:01 AM
35	Disc golf!	10/1/2014 12:15 AM
36	walking	9/30/2014 8:18 PM
37	dog park	9/30/2014 8:16 PM
38	Kyak	9/30/2014 8:16 PM
39	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 7:56 PM
40	Play on swings, play basketball, run around.	9/30/2014 6:40 PM
41	WALKING	9/30/2014 6:21 PM
42	disc golf	9/30/2014 5:25 PM
43	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 5:16 PM
44	Ride my horse	9/30/2014 5:01 PM
45	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 4:02 PM
46	DISC GOLF!!!	9/30/2014 3:46 PM
47	Disc golf	9/30/2014 3:30 PM
48	disc golf	9/30/2014 3:27 PM
49	Disc golfing	9/30/2014 3:10 PM
50	Playing with my dogs	9/30/2014 2:41 PM
51	watch baseball	9/30/2014 2:33 PM
52	Disc golf	9/30/2014 2:23 PM
53	disc golf	9/30/2014 2:13 PM
54	play video games at home	9/30/2014 1:45 PM
55	Disc golf	9/30/2014 1:23 PM
56	golf/walking	9/30/2014 12:56 PM
57	walking	9/30/2014 12:37 PM
58	Hockey	9/30/2014 12:21 PM
59	Bicycling	9/30/2014 12:15 PM
60	cycling	9/30/2014 11:55 AM
61	bicycling	9/30/2014 11:54 AM
62	fishing	9/30/2014 11:53 AM
63	Walking with my dogs at Barstow, and giving them a place to run.	9/30/2014 8:18 AM
64	Running	9/29/2014 11:48 PM
65	walking	9/29/2014 4:38 PM
66	golfing	9/29/2014 3:02 PM
67	Events at City Forest	9/29/2014 1:26 PM
68	tennis	9/29/2014 9:19 AM
69	Softball	9/29/2014 8:53 AM
70	Pickleball	9/29/2014 7:02 AM

71	Mine, jogging/walking. More often than not, I'm with my kids, theirs is playing on play structures. A park to combine the two would be great!	9/28/2014 4:20 PM
72	walking	9/28/2014 9:50 AM
73	Softball	9/27/2014 11:46 PM
74	Pickleball	9/27/2014 10:24 PM
75	Walking the dogs	9/27/2014 5:11 PM
76	swimming	9/27/2014 9:58 AM
77	Bike riding	9/27/2014 7:49 AM
78	Backpacking	9/26/2014 10:39 PM
79	Cross country ski, bike and run	9/26/2014 8:50 PM
80	Walking	9/26/2014 7:30 PM
81	Swimming	9/26/2014 7:07 PM
82	Pickleball	9/26/2014 6:02 PM
83	Running	9/26/2014 5:46 PM
84	Kayaking	9/26/2014 3:11 PM
85	running and cycling	9/26/2014 12:46 PM
86	Cycling, runninng	9/26/2014 11:34 AM
87	Bicycling.	9/26/2014 8:41 AM
88	walking	9/25/2014 11:14 AM
89	Golf	9/25/2014 10:54 AM
90	biking	9/24/2014 10:02 PM
91	Taking my daughter to the park	9/24/2014 4:35 PM
92	walking the dog	9/24/2014 4:33 PM
93	Search and Rescue training.	9/24/2014 4:22 PM
94	I have young kids, so we prefer lots of playground equipment, and a splash pad occasionally.	9/24/2014 3:37 PM
95	softball	9/24/2014 3:23 PM
96	bikking	9/24/2014 2:33 PM
97	Running.	9/24/2014 11:45 AM
98	Swimming...watersports	9/24/2014 11:32 AM
99	Picnic	9/24/2014 11:26 AM
100	Bmx!	9/24/2014 10:52 AM
101	Biking	9/24/2014 10:30 AM
102	Walking & Bicycling	9/24/2014 10:17 AM
103	Pickleball	9/24/2014 8:54 AM
104	pickleball	9/24/2014 6:18 AM
105	walking and biking	9/23/2014 9:18 PM
106	Running	9/23/2014 9:08 PM
107	Hiking/dog walking	9/23/2014 8:40 PM

108	Pickelball	9/23/2014 8:34 PM
109	golf	9/23/2014 7:54 PM
110	Running	9/23/2014 5:29 PM
111	golf and pickleball	9/23/2014 5:24 PM
112	Biking	9/23/2014 4:30 PM
113	Biking	9/23/2014 4:04 PM
114	Playgrounds for kids	9/23/2014 3:07 PM
115	Cross Country skiing with my 2 dogs	9/23/2014 3:00 PM
116	walking my dog	9/23/2014 2:43 PM
117	Walking	9/23/2014 11:59 AM
118	biking	9/23/2014 10:30 AM
119	running	9/23/2014 10:26 AM
120	walking	9/23/2014 10:22 AM
121	Playing with grandchildren and mountain biking	9/23/2014 10:20 AM
122	biking	9/23/2014 10:20 AM
123	Running	9/23/2014 10:19 AM
124	Cycling and running.	9/23/2014 9:06 AM
125	pickleball	9/23/2014 8:40 AM
126	pickleball	9/23/2014 8:22 AM
127	Running and biking	9/23/2014 7:59 AM
128	hiking	9/23/2014 7:55 AM
129	Biking	9/23/2014 7:42 AM
130	bicycling	9/23/2014 7:41 AM
131	Mountain Biking	9/23/2014 7:27 AM
132	Walking	9/23/2014 6:44 AM
133	birdwatching	9/23/2014 6:44 AM
134	Softball	9/23/2014 6:43 AM
135	cycling	9/23/2014 6:20 AM
136	walking	9/23/2014 5:54 AM
137	Softball	9/23/2014 12:33 AM
138	Cycling	9/23/2014 12:07 AM
139	Biking, Road and Mountain	9/22/2014 11:43 PM
140	Bicycling	9/22/2014 11:09 PM
141	pickleball	9/22/2014 11:05 PM
142	Walking my dog, mtn biking	9/22/2014 10:57 PM
143	Skating and nature	9/22/2014 10:46 PM
144	Exercise	9/22/2014 10:41 PM
145	Pickleball	9/22/2014 10:41 PM

146	Lap swim	9/22/2014 10:27 PM
147	Playing with my kids on the playground.	9/22/2014 10:20 PM
148	Triathlons	9/22/2014 10:17 PM
149	Walking	9/22/2014 10:14 PM
150	Cycling	9/22/2014 10:08 PM
151	Walking in the woods	9/22/2014 10:07 PM
152	Swings	9/22/2014 10:02 PM
153	Hiking	9/22/2014 10:01 PM
154	Walking	9/22/2014 9:55 PM
155	Water	9/22/2014 9:29 PM
156	Running	9/22/2014 9:29 PM
157	Cycling.	9/22/2014 9:22 PM
158	Bike	9/22/2014 9:14 PM
159	Running and horse back riding	9/22/2014 9:13 PM
160	Pickleball	9/22/2014 9:11 PM
161	Biking	9/22/2014 9:09 PM
162	Running	9/22/2014 9:07 PM
163	Running	9/22/2014 9:04 PM
164	Mountain Biking and Running	9/22/2014 8:55 PM
165	Running	9/22/2014 8:42 PM
166	Trail running, mt biking and cc skiing	9/22/2014 8:37 PM
167	Running/Trail running	9/22/2014 8:32 PM
168	Exercise	9/22/2014 8:30 PM
169	Running	9/22/2014 8:28 PM
170	Walking	9/22/2014 7:55 PM
171	Biking on the Rail Trail	9/22/2014 7:51 PM
172	Bicycle	9/22/2014 7:39 PM
173	kids playground	9/22/2014 7:33 PM
174	Pickleball	9/22/2014 7:19 PM
175	Golf and softball	9/22/2014 7:17 PM
176	pickleball	9/22/2014 7:13 PM
177	Walking	9/22/2014 6:21 PM
178	Outdoor activities, especially pickelball.	9/22/2014 6:16 PM
179	pickleball	9/22/2014 5:59 PM
180	walking through parks with friends/neighbors	9/22/2014 4:57 PM
181	At a park? Walking	9/22/2014 3:45 PM
182	golf	9/22/2014 3:29 PM
183	walking	9/22/2014 3:16 PM

184	Biking	9/22/2014 2:58 PM
185	Dogs	9/22/2014 2:41 PM
186	Running	9/22/2014 2:36 PM
187	Baseball	9/22/2014 2:29 PM
188	Filming concerts for MCTV	9/22/2014 2:27 PM
189	Softball	9/22/2014 2:26 PM
190	Spray park	9/22/2014 2:21 PM
191	Playgrounds for kids	9/22/2014 1:58 PM
192	Volleyball	9/22/2014 1:52 PM
193	Dog walking	9/22/2014 1:47 PM
194	Biking	9/22/2014 1:44 PM
195	the dog park or the Tridge	9/22/2014 1:38 PM
196	walking, hiking. enjoying nature.	9/22/2014 1:20 PM
197	Hiking	9/22/2014 1:10 PM
198	Running	9/22/2014 12:40 PM
199	walking and biking	9/22/2014 12:31 PM
200	Golf	9/22/2014 12:18 PM
201	Concerts	9/22/2014 11:09 AM
202	My daughter likes to play on the playground equipment.	9/22/2014 10:58 AM
203	Walking	9/22/2014 10:22 AM
204	Golf, jogging on trails at City Forest	9/22/2014 10:13 AM
205	walking	9/22/2014 10:10 AM
206	biking	9/22/2014 9:07 AM
207	Walk my dog.	9/22/2014 8:40 AM
208	biking and walking	9/22/2014 7:50 AM
209	walking & biking	9/22/2014 7:49 AM
210	volleyball	9/22/2014 7:47 AM
211	Biking	9/22/2014 7:38 AM
212	Fishing	9/22/2014 3:31 AM
213	boating , snowmobiling	9/22/2014 12:37 AM
214	Walking	9/21/2014 9:20 PM
215	Stratford park fishing/swimming	9/21/2014 7:52 PM
216	Golf	9/21/2014 6:48 PM
217	In terms of outdoor activities, biking is easily my favorite.	9/21/2014 6:42 PM
218	Golf	9/21/2014 6:04 PM
219	Swimming	9/21/2014 5:30 PM
220	Ice skating	9/21/2014 5:20 PM
221	Walking	9/21/2014 5:00 PM

222	Kickball	9/21/2014 4:15 PM
223	Skiing	9/21/2014 3:48 PM
224	Golf	9/21/2014 3:42 PM
225	tennis	9/21/2014 3:26 PM
226	Pickleball	9/21/2014 3:02 PM
227	Walking	9/21/2014 2:28 PM
228	My son loves swings!	9/21/2014 1:50 PM
229	Sports	9/21/2014 1:47 PM
230	pickleball	9/21/2014 12:19 PM
231	Walking	9/21/2014 12:17 PM
232	Biking	9/21/2014 11:40 AM
233	Walking with my dog	9/21/2014 11:19 AM
234	My daughter loves slides and swings, so I base where to go by that, but stay close to our house	9/21/2014 10:31 AM
235	Biking	9/21/2014 10:02 AM
236	hiking	9/21/2014 7:42 AM
237	softball	9/21/2014 6:02 AM
238	Tennis	9/20/2014 8:15 PM
239	The spray parks for little kids.	9/20/2014 7:34 PM
240	Reading	9/20/2014 7:04 PM
241	Rollerblading	9/20/2014 6:10 PM
242	Walking in the woods with my dog.	9/20/2014 5:14 PM
243	Sanford Lake beach and spray park	9/20/2014 1:41 PM
244	Walking my dog in Bastow Woods, a true gem in the City of Midland. But don't tell anyone, we don't want it overrun with people!!	9/20/2014 12:57 PM
245	cross country skiing	9/20/2014 12:40 PM
246	Swinging	9/20/2014 11:43 AM
247	Fishing and golfing	9/20/2014 10:49 AM
248	swimming	9/20/2014 10:11 AM
249	walking	9/20/2014 9:30 AM
250	walking	9/20/2014 8:32 AM
251	Swimming	9/20/2014 12:46 AM
252	My son loves running around in open spaces. I enjoy bicycling.	9/20/2014 12:02 AM
253	Hunting, fishing, softball	9/19/2014 9:48 PM
254	Walking, biking	9/19/2014 9:40 PM
255	Biking	9/19/2014 7:44 PM
256	Fishing/Hunting	9/19/2014 7:08 PM
257	I run daily on the rail trail	9/19/2014 6:46 PM
258	Whatever my daughter likes to do.....right now it's swinging & sliding	9/19/2014 6:26 PM

259	Jet skiing and kayaking. But in the city, beach volleyball.	9/19/2014 6:16 PM
260	Cross Country Skiing	9/19/2014 6:05 PM
261	Walking	9/19/2014 5:38 PM
262	running, biking, tennis	9/19/2014 5:09 PM
263	Biking	9/19/2014 5:02 PM
264	sitting in my car and enjoying the view and quiet	9/19/2014 4:34 PM
265	hiking	9/19/2014 4:18 PM
266	Biking	9/19/2014 4:09 PM
267	Hiking, underwater basket weaving	9/19/2014 3:48 PM
268	biking	9/19/2014 3:46 PM
269	I have too many!	9/19/2014 3:39 PM
270	Walking	9/19/2014 3:36 PM
271	SOFTBALL	9/19/2014 2:54 PM
272	Disc golf	9/19/2014 2:24 PM
273	Running	9/19/2014 2:22 PM
274	Swimming	9/19/2014 2:20 PM
275	Swimming	9/19/2014 1:40 PM
276	playground	9/19/2014 1:35 PM
277	Yoga	9/19/2014 1:31 PM
278	Bicycling	9/19/2014 1:17 PM
279	Geocaching	9/19/2014 12:43 PM
280	Swimming	9/19/2014 12:42 PM
281	Bike	9/19/2014 12:38 PM
282	Running	9/19/2014 12:14 PM
283	walking	9/19/2014 12:10 PM
284	Fishing	9/19/2014 12:08 PM
285	biking	9/19/2014 12:06 PM
286	Dog walking/jogging	9/19/2014 11:56 AM
287	basketball	9/19/2014 11:51 AM
288	Running	9/19/2014 11:50 AM
289	Disk Golf	9/19/2014 11:50 AM
290	Bike	9/19/2014 11:50 AM
291	people watching and relaxing.	9/19/2014 11:49 AM
292	Volleyball	9/19/2014 11:47 AM
293	Boating	9/19/2014 11:35 AM
294	softball	9/19/2014 11:29 AM
295	Softball	9/19/2014 11:15 AM
296	Walking	9/19/2014 11:00 AM

297	Walking with my dogs	9/19/2014 10:52 AM
298	Walking dog	9/19/2014 10:50 AM
299	Softball / Walking/ Running.	9/19/2014 10:46 AM
300	Geocaching	9/19/2014 10:41 AM
301	Softball	9/19/2014 10:29 AM
302	Bmx riding	9/19/2014 10:25 AM
303	I enjoy running. My youngest enjoys swinging. The older likes climbing, and my husband plays softball	9/19/2014 10:21 AM
304	Biking	9/19/2014 10:21 AM
305	Playing sports with kids. Soccer, frisbee	9/19/2014 10:21 AM
306	Golf	9/19/2014 10:17 AM
307	Running, biking	9/19/2014 10:15 AM
308	Softball	9/19/2014 10:02 AM
309	Bike Riding	9/19/2014 10:01 AM
310	Softball	9/19/2014 9:54 AM
311	Bmx	9/19/2014 9:45 AM
312	Running	9/19/2014 9:43 AM
313	Walk/Jog/Run	9/19/2014 9:39 AM
314	Hiking/walking	9/19/2014 9:38 AM
315	BMX	9/19/2014 9:38 AM
316	Softball	9/19/2014 9:26 AM
317	biking	9/19/2014 9:16 AM
318	Biking	9/19/2014 9:14 AM
319	Softball	9/19/2014 9:09 AM
320	Bike riding	9/19/2014 9:08 AM
321	softball	9/19/2014 8:59 AM
322	softball, golf.	9/19/2014 8:47 AM
323	nature photography	9/19/2014 8:28 AM
324	walking	9/19/2014 8:28 AM
325	golf	9/19/2014 8:03 AM
326	Multipurpose use (walking, skiing) of safe trails	9/19/2014 8:03 AM
327	softball, run	9/19/2014 7:55 AM
328	Softball	9/19/2014 7:49 AM
329	Swimming	9/19/2014 7:34 AM
330	Biking	9/19/2014 7:32 AM
331	Golfing	9/19/2014 7:23 AM
332	Walking	9/19/2014 7:09 AM
333	Bmx	9/19/2014 6:53 AM
334	golf / softball	9/19/2014 6:40 AM

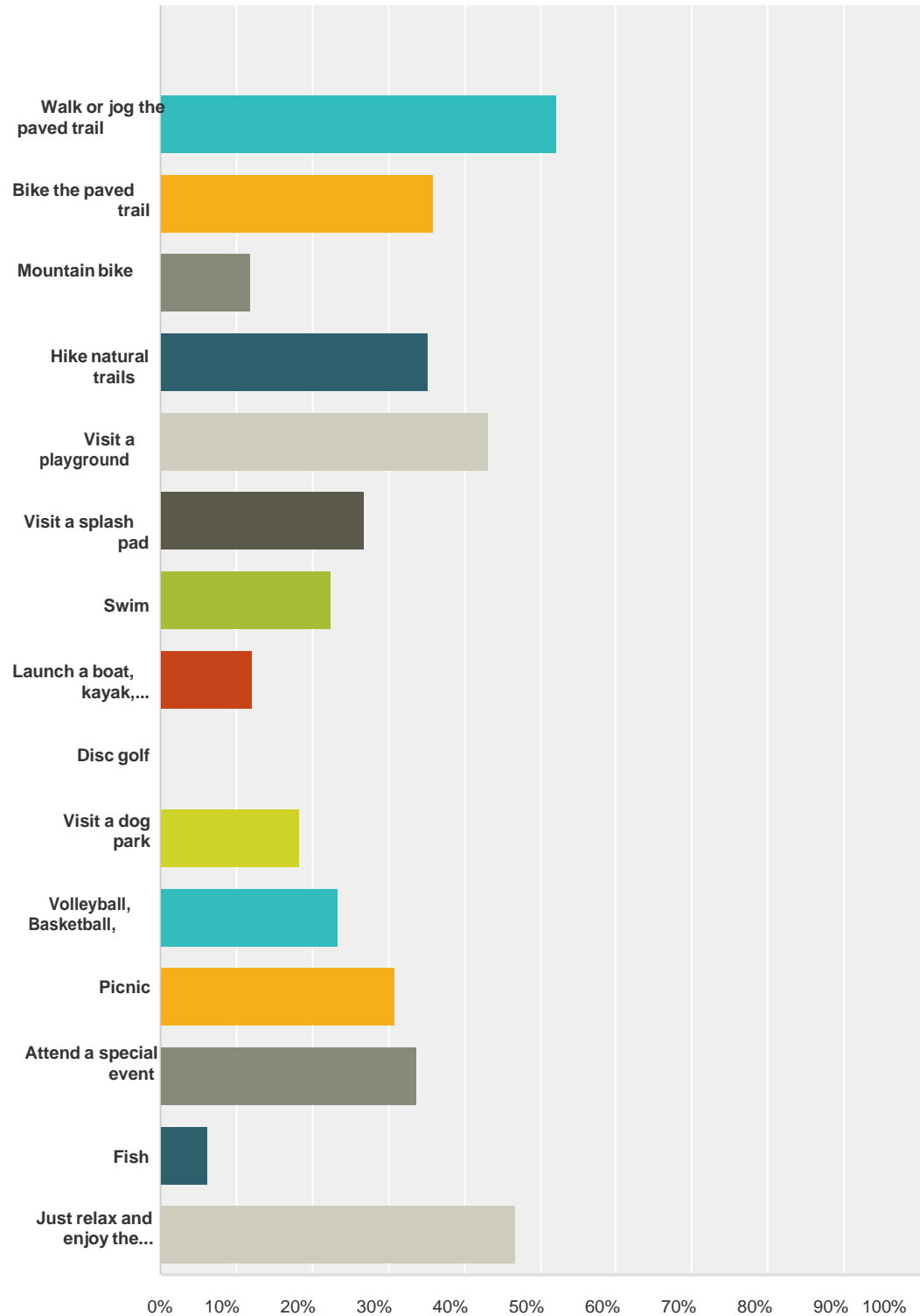
335	Swimming and biking	9/19/2014 6:15 AM
336	Walking, play ground	9/19/2014 6:03 AM
337	Swimming	9/19/2014 5:17 AM
338	walking my dog	9/19/2014 4:50 AM
339	Softball	9/19/2014 4:49 AM
340	Walking	9/19/2014 1:47 AM
341	Mountain biking	9/19/2014 12:20 AM
342	Softball	9/19/2014 12:18 AM
343	Biking	9/18/2014 11:52 PM
344	Swinging with my kids.	9/18/2014 11:38 PM
345	Swimming	9/18/2014 11:33 PM
346	Cycling	9/18/2014 11:17 PM
347	Walking my dog	9/18/2014 11:06 PM
348	Sports.	9/18/2014 11:02 PM
349	Walking	9/18/2014 10:56 PM
350	Biking	9/18/2014 10:39 PM
351	Walking	9/18/2014 10:35 PM
352	Walking	9/18/2014 10:28 PM
353	Walking dog	9/18/2014 10:23 PM
354	Softball	9/18/2014 10:23 PM
355	Swimming	9/18/2014 10:22 PM
356	Swimming	9/18/2014 10:19 PM
357	Walking	9/18/2014 10:17 PM
358	Hockey	9/18/2014 10:14 PM
359	golf	9/18/2014 10:03 PM
360	Playground time with the kids	9/18/2014 9:56 PM
361	Walking/hiking	9/18/2014 9:50 PM
362	Boating	9/18/2014 9:46 PM
363	Softball	9/18/2014 9:41 PM
364	Walking	9/18/2014 9:24 PM
365	Walking	9/18/2014 9:22 PM
366	walking	9/18/2014 9:19 PM
367	Cross Country Skiing	9/18/2014 9:18 PM
368	Softball	9/18/2014 9:15 PM
369	Zumba, playing sports, fun with kids	9/18/2014 9:08 PM
370	Softball	9/18/2014 9:06 PM
371	Hockey	9/18/2014 8:56 PM
372	walking	9/18/2014 8:54 PM

373	Running	9/18/2014 8:54 PM
374	Walking and biking rail trail	9/18/2014 8:51 PM
375	Walking and socializing with family and friends.	9/18/2014 8:50 PM
376	Beach Volleyball	9/18/2014 8:49 PM
377	Playing with my grandkids	9/18/2014 8:48 PM
378	Going for walks or playing with my kids on the playground	9/18/2014 8:41 PM
379	Swimming	9/18/2014 8:38 PM
380	Swimming	9/18/2014 8:26 PM
381	Golf or walking	9/18/2014 8:25 PM
382	Fishing , soft ball, nature.	9/18/2014 8:22 PM
383	Music, friends, dance	9/18/2014 8:17 PM
384	Sports, special events	9/18/2014 8:16 PM
385	Softball	9/18/2014 8:15 PM
386	roller blade, playground, pool	9/18/2014 8:11 PM
387	Softball and running	9/18/2014 8:02 PM
388	Anything sports. Baseball, football, basketball, hockey, lacrosse, biking, little kid stuff.	9/18/2014 7:58 PM
389	Swimming	9/18/2014 7:56 PM
390	Disc golf	9/18/2014 7:54 PM
391	Softball	9/18/2014 7:46 PM
392	Enjoying nature.	9/18/2014 7:36 PM
393	Walking	9/18/2014 7:33 PM
394	Golf	9/18/2014 7:29 PM
395	Golf	9/18/2014 7:25 PM
396	Watch ball games	9/18/2014 7:22 PM
397	Unique to Midland: The toboggan run. However, I am still disappointed that I am unable to use my own toboggan which is of higher quality than the rentals. Please reconsider this policy.	9/18/2014 7:20 PM
398	Walking	9/18/2014 7:19 PM
399	Bike	9/18/2014 7:02 PM
400	Running, swimming, biking	9/18/2014 6:56 PM
401	Walking	9/18/2014 6:48 PM
402	Walking nature trails	9/18/2014 6:43 PM
403	Golf	9/18/2014 6:38 PM
404	Running	9/18/2014 6:33 PM
405	Softball	9/18/2014 6:20 PM
406	riding our bike/ when the kids were smaller we loved to go to all the different playgrounds	9/18/2014 5:56 PM
407	Biking	9/18/2014 5:55 PM
408	sports - softball, walking/running dog walking	9/18/2014 5:50 PM
409	Swimming	9/18/2014 5:43 PM

410	Skating	9/18/2014 5:40 PM
411	Walking	9/18/2014 5:38 PM
412	With my family it's hard to choose. In the summer months is the longview spraypark but in the winter months we love city forest for ice skating ad taboggon run.	9/18/2014 5:37 PM
413	Golf	9/18/2014 5:29 PM
414	bicylcing	9/18/2014 5:29 PM
415	Mountain biking	9/18/2014 5:28 PM
416	biking	9/18/2014 5:21 PM
417	Sledding/tobogganing at City Forest	9/18/2014 5:18 PM
418	Softball	9/18/2014 5:17 PM
419	Playgrounds and bicycling	9/18/2014 5:15 PM
420	Fun zone	9/18/2014 5:10 PM
421	Swimming	9/18/2014 5:06 PM
422	Biking	9/18/2014 5:06 PM
423	Softball	9/18/2014 5:06 PM
424	softball	9/18/2014 5:04 PM
425	Softball and playgrounds	9/18/2014 5:04 PM
426	softball	9/18/2014 5:04 PM
427	Bicycling	9/18/2014 5:03 PM
428	Walking	9/16/2014 8:36 AM
429	Golf	9/15/2014 10:24 PM

Q9 What do you do when you visit a park?
Check all that apply

Answered: 492 Skipped: 105



Answer Choices

Responses

Visit a dog park	0.00%	0
Walk or jog the paved trail	52.24%	257
Bike the paved trail	35.98%	177
Mountain bike	11.99%	59
Hike natural trails	35.37%	174
Visit a playground	43.29%	213
Visit a splash pad	27.03%	133
Swim	22.56%	111
Launch a boat, kayak, paddleboard or canoe	12.20%	60
Disc golf	0.00%	0
Visit a dog park	18.29%	90
Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball	23.37%	115
Picnic	30.89%	152
Attend a special event	33.74%	166
Fish	6.30%	31
Just relax and enjoy the outdoors	46.75%	230
Total Respondents: 492		

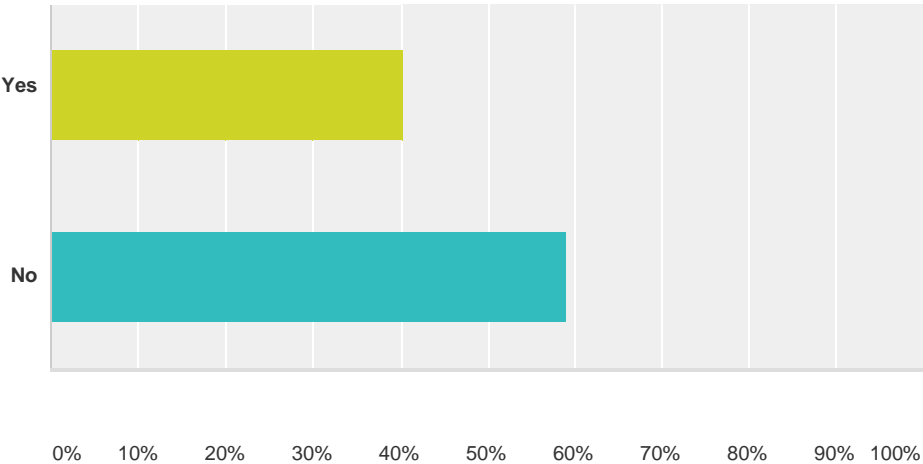
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Watch the people and activity	10/27/2014 4:39 PM
2	Disc golf	10/6/2014 4:05 PM
3	Cross-country ski	10/5/2014 11:41 PM
4	Disc golf	10/4/2014 12:12 PM
5	Take dog to "A" park - not always to a "dog" park.	10/4/2014 10:35 AM
6	walk	10/3/2014 11:48 AM
7	join friends from surrounding communities to play disc golf	10/3/2014 8:20 AM
8	disc golf	10/1/2014 11:16 PM
9	Walk my dog	10/1/2014 5:40 PM
10	Disc Golf	10/1/2014 2:57 PM
11	Disc golf	10/1/2014 2:33 PM
12	Disc golf...	10/1/2014 12:15 AM
13	Play Disc Golf	9/30/2014 7:57 PM
14	disc golf	9/30/2014 5:25 PM
15	Throw Disc Golf	9/30/2014 5:16 PM
16	Ride my horse	9/30/2014 5:02 PM

17	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 4:03 PM
18	DISC GOLF	9/30/2014 3:47 PM
19	play disc golf	9/30/2014 3:31 PM
20	disc golf	9/30/2014 3:27 PM
21	disc golf	9/30/2014 3:11 PM
22	Disc golf	9/30/2014 2:24 PM
23	watch my kids play	9/30/2014 1:45 PM
24	play disc golf mainly	9/30/2014 1:24 PM
25	Disc golf	9/30/2014 1:03 PM
26	Hockey,	9/30/2014 11:56 AM
27	We would swim more if it was more available/cheaper	9/29/2014 11:48 PM
28	Pickleball	9/29/2014 7:03 AM
29	Pickleball	9/27/2014 10:25 PM
30	walk dogs	9/27/2014 5:11 PM
31	XC Ski	9/26/2014 8:51 PM
32	Pickleball	9/26/2014 6:03 PM
33	pickleball	9/24/2014 4:34 PM
34	Take my daughter there.	9/24/2014 11:46 AM
35	play pickle ball at central park courts	9/24/2014 8:56 AM
36	pickleball	9/24/2014 6:18 AM
37	Pickelball	9/23/2014 8:36 PM
38	golf and pickleball	9/23/2014 5:25 PM
39	cross country ski	9/23/2014 3:01 PM
40	walk the dog and play with her	9/23/2014 2:44 PM
41	pickleball	9/23/2014 8:23 AM
42	observe nature	9/23/2014 6:45 AM
43	play pickleball	9/22/2014 11:06 PM
44	walk dog	9/22/2014 10:57 PM
45	skate	9/22/2014 10:46 PM
46	Pickleball	9/22/2014 10:41 PM
47	Horse ride at pine haven and city forest	9/22/2014 9:14 PM
48	Pickleball and tennis	9/22/2014 9:12 PM
49	CC skiing	9/22/2014 8:38 PM
50	Pickleball	9/22/2014 7:19 PM
51	play pickleball	9/22/2014 7:14 PM
52	Pickelball	9/22/2014 6:23 PM
53	Play pickelball or supervise grandchildren at a park	9/22/2014 6:17 PM
54	pickleball	9/22/2014 5:59 PM

55	Golf	9/22/2014 3:29 PM
56	Watch my grandkids on the equipment.	9/22/2014 2:59 PM
57	Rollerblade	9/22/2014 2:36 PM
58	tennis	9/22/2014 1:20 PM
59	Golf	9/21/2014 3:42 PM
60	Pickleball @ Central Park Courts	9/21/2014 3:02 PM
61	play pickleball	9/21/2014 12:20 PM
62	Enjoy grandchildren and scenery	9/21/2014 10:03 AM
63	Hockey at Emerson park	9/20/2014 2:58 AM
64	Hockey	9/19/2014 9:40 PM
65	X-country ski	9/19/2014 6:06 PM
66	Cut through to get to the businesses on the Circle.	9/19/2014 3:37 PM
67	Disc golf	9/19/2014 2:25 PM
68	geocache	9/19/2014 12:44 PM
69	playground equipment	9/19/2014 11:52 AM
70	Play Disk golf	9/19/2014 11:51 AM
71	play with my dogs, socialize with other dog owners	9/19/2014 10:54 AM
72	Geocaching	9/19/2014 10:42 AM
73	golf	9/19/2014 10:26 AM
74	Ride bmx	9/19/2014 10:26 AM
75	Bmx	9/19/2014 9:45 AM
76	BMX Track	9/19/2014 9:38 AM
77	Softball	9/19/2014 9:09 AM
78	photograph nature at its finest	9/19/2014 8:29 AM
79	Xcountry ski	9/19/2014 8:04 AM
80	Golf	9/19/2014 7:23 AM
81	Bmx	9/19/2014 6:54 AM
82	golf	9/19/2014 6:40 AM
83	golf	9/18/2014 10:04 PM
84	Ski	9/18/2014 9:19 PM
85	roller blade	9/18/2014 8:11 PM
86	Sled hill and toboggan run at City Forest	9/18/2014 7:21 PM
87	skate, golf	9/18/2014 5:45 PM
88	Ice skate, sled and taboggon run	9/18/2014 5:38 PM
89	walk and play dogs	9/18/2014 5:04 PM

Q10 Do you or someone in your family participate in an organized league?

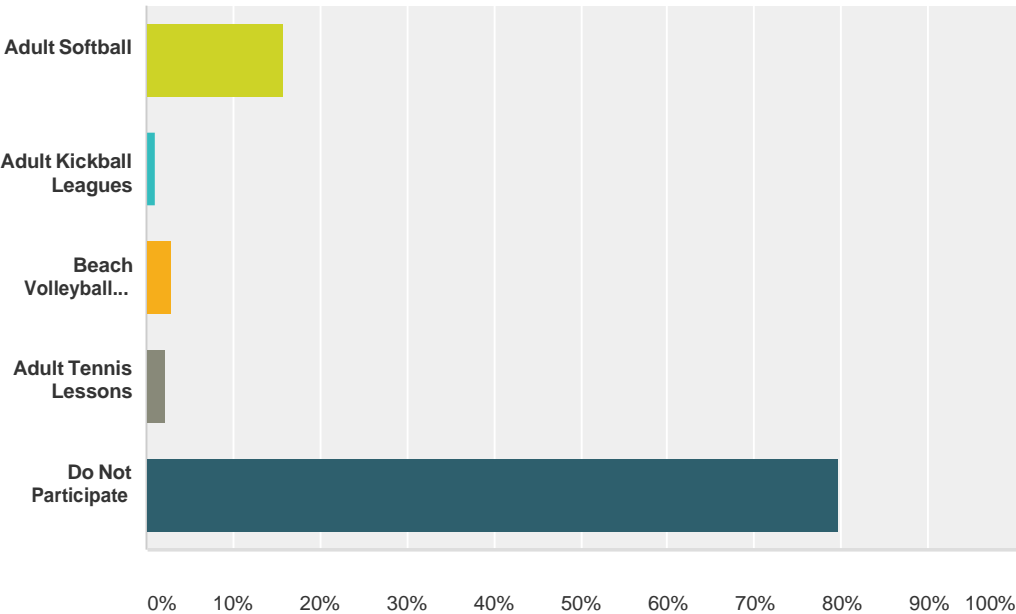
Answered: 499 Skipped: 98



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40.88%	204
No	59.12%	295
Total		499

Q11 Do you participate in any of the Adult Sports programs in the City of Midland?
(Check all that apply)

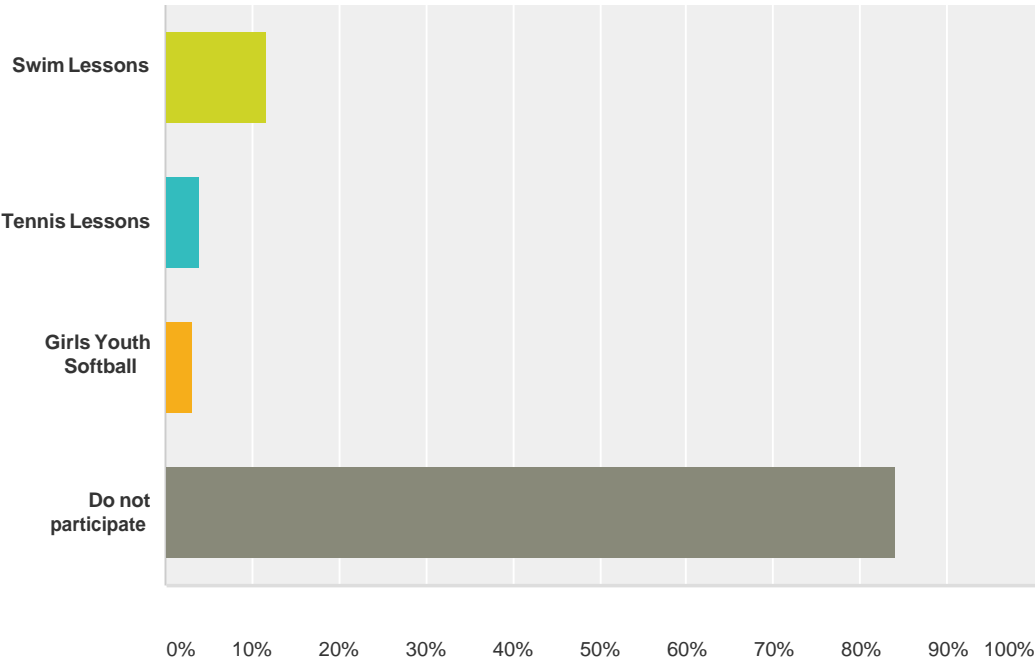
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Adult Softball	15.94%	80
Adult Kickball Leagues	1.00%	5
Beach Volleyball Leagues	2.99%	15
Adult Tennis Lessons	2.39%	12
Do Not Participate	79.68%	400
Total Respondents: 502		

Q12 Does anyone in your family participate in any of the City of Midland youth programs? (Check all that apply)

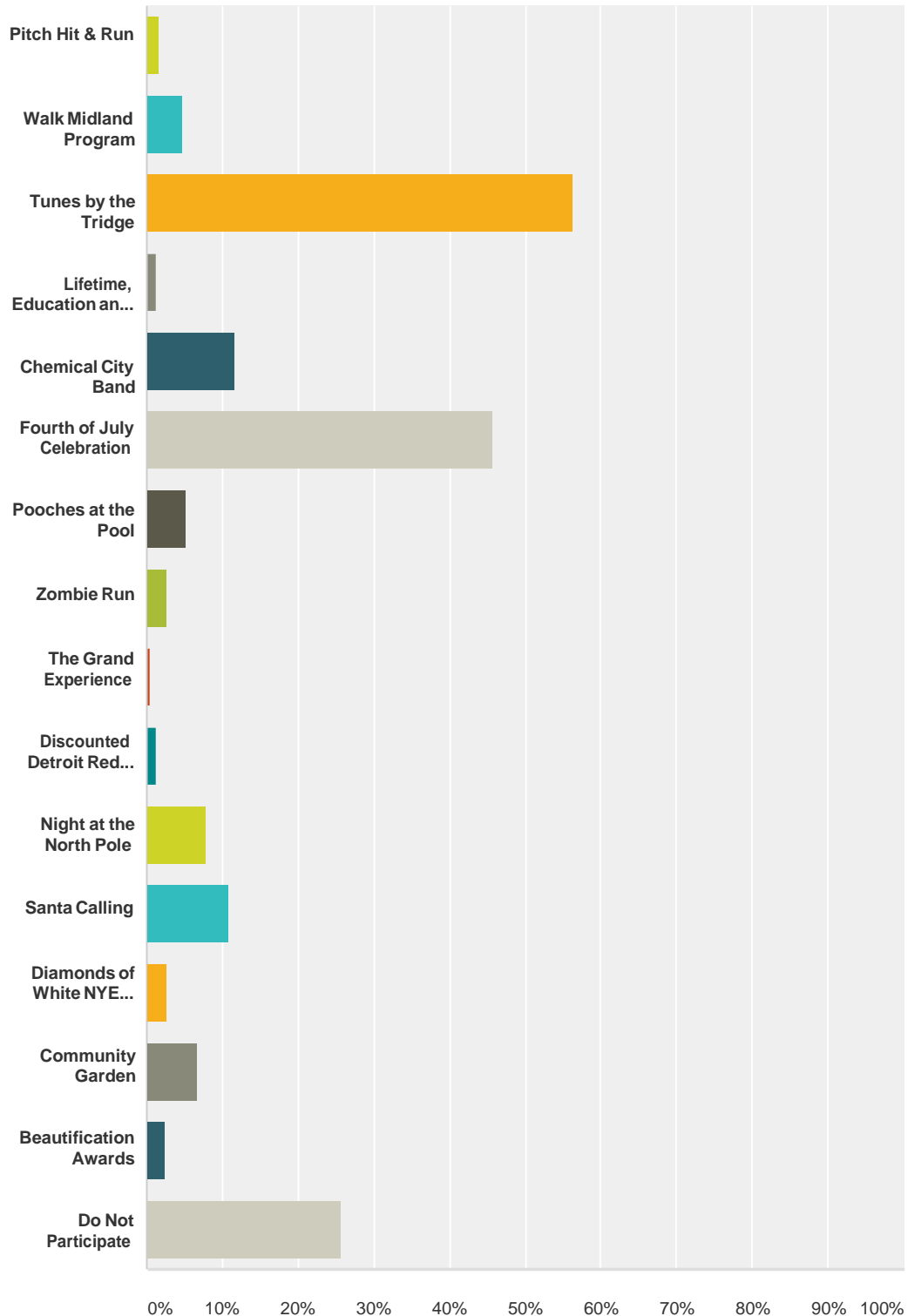
Answered: 491 Skipped: 106



Answer Choices	Responses	
Swim Lessons	11.61%	57
Tennis Lessons	3.87%	19
Girls Youth Softball	3.05%	15
Do not participate	84.11%	413
Total Respondents: 491		

Q13 The City of Midland puts on many programs and special events, do you participate in any of the following? (Select all that apply)

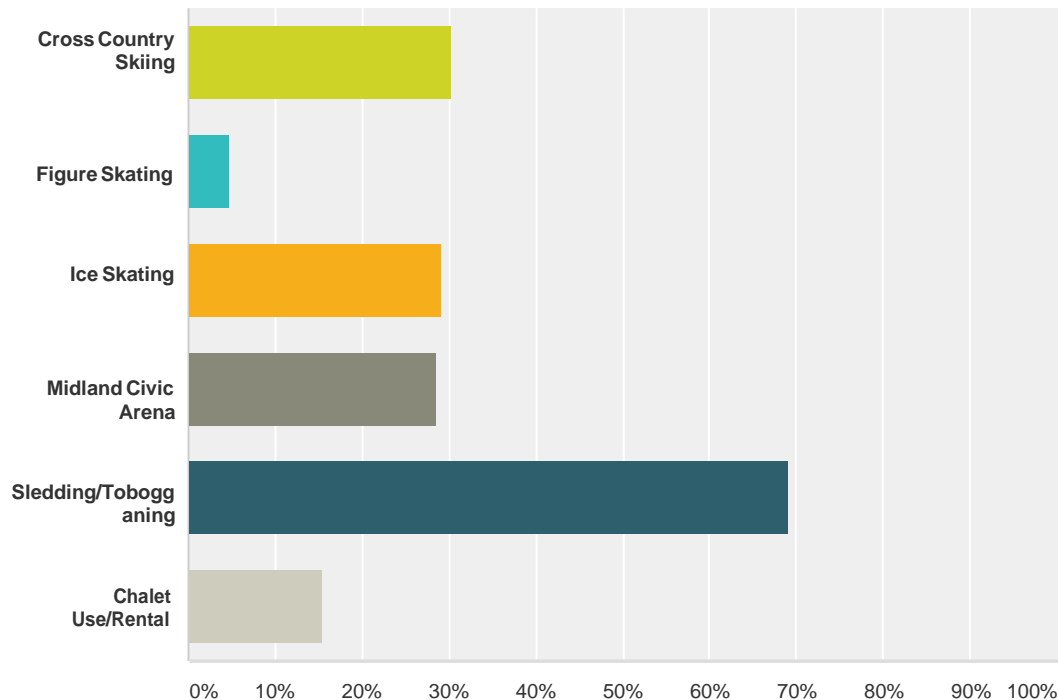
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Pitch Hit & Run	1.61%	8
Walk Midland Program	4.83%	24
Tunes by the Tridge	56.34%	280
Lifetime, Education and Activities Program (LEAP)	1.21%	6
Chemical City Band	11.67%	58
Fourth of July Celebration	45.67%	227
Pooches at the Pool	5.23%	26
Zombie Run	2.82%	14
The Grand Experience	0.40%	2
Discounted Detroit Red Wing Tickets	1.21%	6
Night at the North Pole	7.85%	39
Santa Calling	10.87%	54
Diamonds of White NYE Softball Tournament	2.62%	13
Community Garden	6.64%	33
Beautification Awards	2.41%	12
Do Not Participate	25.75%	128
Total Respondents: 497		

Q14 Do you participate in any of the winter time leisure activities in the City of Midland? (Check all that Apply)

Answered: 291 Skipped: 306



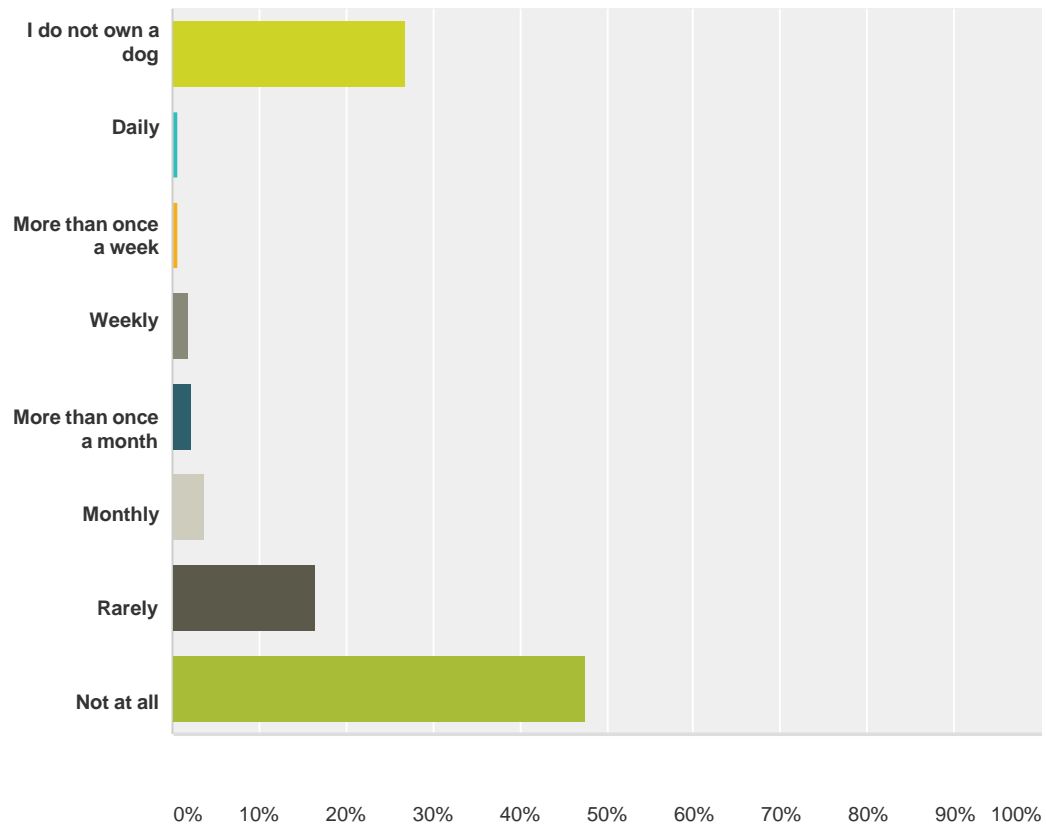
Answer Choices	Responses
Cross Country Skiing	30.24% 88
Figure Skating	4.81% 14
Ice Skating	29.21% 85
Midland Civic Arena	28.52% 83
Sledding/Tobogganing	69.07% 201
Chalet Use/Rental	15.46% 45
Total Respondents: 291	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Tridge Walk	10/27/2014 4:39 PM
2	Nov/December Fishing	10/27/2014 4:34 PM
3	Not able to participate	10/27/2014 4:27 PM
4	Dog walking all year round	10/15/2014 3:42 PM
5	trails	10/13/2014 12:53 PM
6	Disc golf	10/6/2014 4:06 PM

7	winter disc golfing	10/4/2014 12:13 PM
8	Walking in the parks during winter.	10/4/2014 10:36 AM
9	disc golf all year unless the temps are below 10 degrees or high winds and snow.	10/3/2014 8:22 AM
10	Dog walking	10/2/2014 1:33 PM
11	disc golf	10/1/2014 11:17 PM
12	cross country skiing	10/1/2014 9:56 PM
13	Disc golf	10/1/2014 2:33 PM
14	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 7:58 PM
15	Disc Golf	9/30/2014 5:18 PM
16	Disc golf	9/30/2014 4:04 PM
17	disc golf	9/30/2014 3:12 PM
18	Walking	9/30/2014 2:43 PM
19	Community Center Pickleball / racquetball	9/27/2014 10:26 PM
20	Snowshoeing	9/26/2014 10:41 PM
21	I walk the trails, even when covered by snow.	9/25/2014 10:56 AM
22	walk my gob at barstow and city forest	9/24/2014 4:36 PM
23	Search and Rescue training events	9/24/2014 4:24 PM
24	Snow shoeing	9/24/2014 10:20 AM
25	Snowshoe	9/23/2014 4:06 PM
26	Fat Biking	9/23/2014 7:28 AM
27	curling	9/22/2014 3:46 PM
28	None	9/22/2014 2:29 PM
29	walking snowshoeing	9/22/2014 7:51 AM
30	No	9/21/2014 9:22 PM
31	wintertime running at the city forest and the rail trail	9/21/2014 12:22 PM
32	Dog walking in the snow at Barstow Woods	9/20/2014 12:58 PM
33	None	9/20/2014 12:03 AM
34	Snowshoeing	9/19/2014 9:44 PM
35	running on the rail trail	9/19/2014 6:47 PM
36	dog walking in city forest	9/19/2014 12:00 PM
37	None	9/19/2014 11:51 AM
38	Walking in City Forest and Barstow Woods	9/19/2014 10:55 AM
39	Snow shoeing at city forest	9/19/2014 6:16 AM
40	hockey	9/19/2014 4:50 AM
41	None	9/18/2014 11:35 PM
42	Snowshoeing	9/18/2014 11:18 PM
43	none of these	9/18/2014 10:05 PM
44	snowball tournament	9/18/2014 5:08 PM

Q15 How often do you generally visit the dog park in Chippewassee Park?

Answered: 503 Skipped: 94

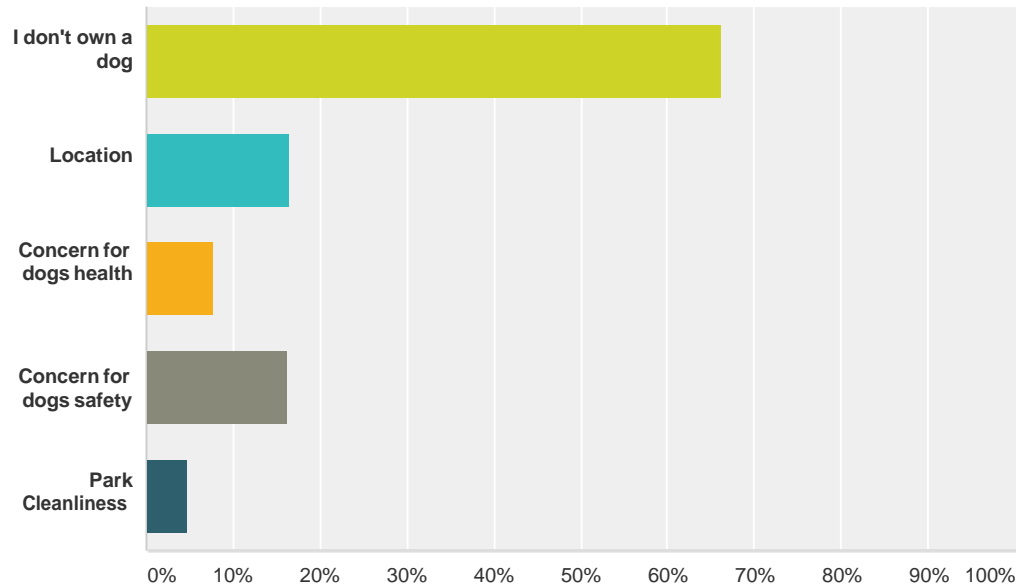


Answer Choices	Responses
I do not own a dog	26.84% 135
Daily	0.60% 3
More than once a week	0.60% 3
Weekly	1.79% 9
More than once a month	2.39% 12
Monthly	3.78% 19
Rarely	16.50% 83
Not at all	47.51% 239
Total	503

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I much prefer Barstow Woods for dog walking	10/1/2014 5:42 PM
2	Barstow Woods	9/30/2014 8:24 PM
3	Used to but the conditions were always bad.	9/30/2014 8:20 AM
4	dont like dogs or dog parks.	9/22/2014 1:21 PM
5	I did not know there was one	9/22/2014 11:11 AM
6	There a no friendly places to take my cats	9/21/2014 4:23 PM
7	The dogs there are not well disciplined. We prefer Barstow Woods.	9/20/2014 1:00 PM
8	When my family comes to town we take their dog	9/19/2014 12:45 PM
9	I worry about the safety and health of my dog	9/19/2014 4:51 AM
10	Don't feel safe from other dogs	9/18/2014 7:21 PM

Q16 If you do not use Chippewassee Dog Park, why not?

Answered: 413 Skipped: 184



Answer Choices	Responses
I don't own a dog	66.10% 273
Location	16.46% 68
Concern for dogs health	7.75% 32
Concern for dogs safety	16.22% 67
Park Cleanliness	4.84% 20
Total Respondents: 413	

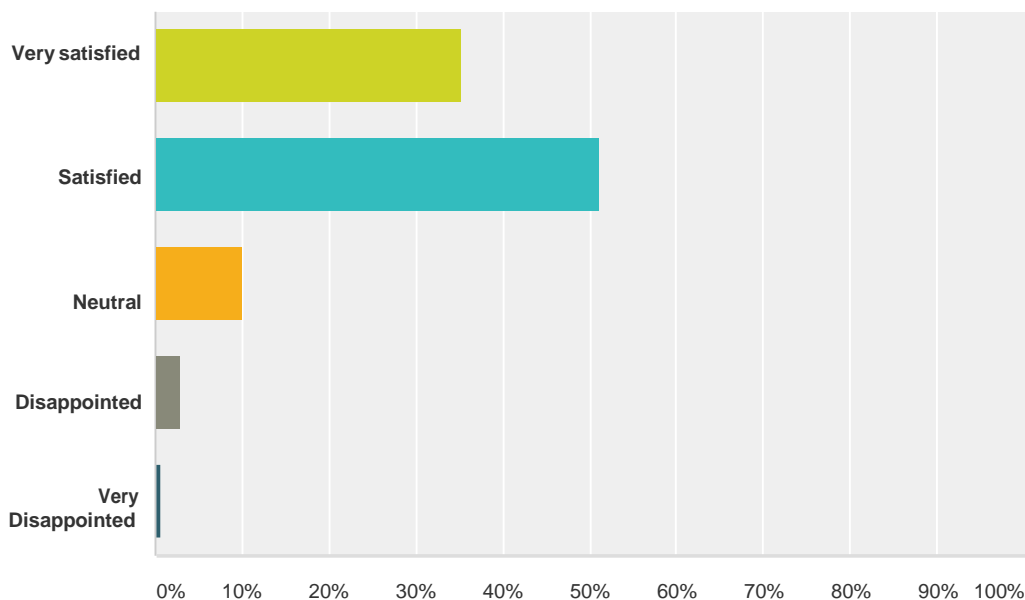
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Why put small dog entrance so far from parking lot?	10/15/2014 3:43 PM
2	I prefer the wooded trail and convenience of Barstow Woods. Friendlier atmosphere.	10/12/2014 3:12 PM
3	Prefer going to Barstow Woods.	10/9/2014 11:57 AM
4	Hard to find the time but I have always wanted too. My dog is older as well.	10/8/2014 3:39 PM
5	not enough time	10/6/2014 8:29 PM
6	there is no shade and no trees, no place to sit and the parking area is muddy for extended periods of time post rainfall	10/6/2014 8:22 AM
7	Few trees in small dog part means fewer squirrels to chase. Barstow has an abundance of squirrels. Parking lot and fenced area are often muddy. Needs more trees and picnic tables for owners to sit while dogs play.	10/4/2014 10:39 AM
8	dogs and dog parks are targeting to much of a specialized group (non humans)	10/3/2014 8:22 AM
9	The location is a factor, but I much prefer the mix of meadow and wooded trails as well as the dog-owner community at Barstow Woods	10/1/2014 5:42 PM

10	we take our dogs to Barstow as it is in our neighborhood.	10/1/2014 5:12 PM
11	No shade in small dog area, prefer Barstow Woods	9/30/2014 8:24 PM
12	Don't need that dog park.	9/30/2014 6:23 PM
13	I don't live in Midland	9/30/2014 4:04 PM
14	my dog has space to roam without going to a park.	9/30/2014 3:49 PM
15	There are dogs there without leashes and they poop all over the place and the owners don't clean it up	9/29/2014 10:30 PM
16	Barstow Woods is closer to home	9/29/2014 3:04 PM
17	time	9/28/2014 9:51 AM
18	Do not need to.	9/27/2014 11:47 PM
19	Not sure...I should. I am sure my dogs would love it.	9/26/2014 7:32 PM
20	Have fenced in back yard.	9/26/2014 2:13 PM
21	have never taken our dog to a dog park	9/26/2014 12:48 PM
22	not as nice as barstow and people and dogs there aren't as well behaved	9/24/2014 4:46 PM
23	I don't live in the City of Midland. Have my own property for my dog to run around in.	9/23/2014 6:45 AM
24	I prefer walking my dog in forested areas. The dog park is often wet and too many dogs for my preference.	9/22/2014 10:59 PM
25	Run/socialize my dog elsewhere	9/22/2014 10:18 PM
26	I prefer Barstow woods during to the tree and natural environment. The dog park is sort of run down due to the ice/flood damage.	9/22/2014 10:10 PM
27	The park is often muddy or has large ponds. Our dogs are kept indoors and would need a bath...	9/22/2014 10:04 PM
28	My dog is better with only dogs she knows.	9/22/2014 8:54 PM
29	In other areas where we have lived there has been confirmation of vaccination before you could bring your dog to	9/22/2014 8:35 PM
30	My dog is not friendly to other dogs! (In other words, sometimes she will try to bite other dogs.)	9/22/2014 8:29 PM
31	We walk with him instead.	9/22/2014 3:47 PM
32	My dog likes my back yard	9/22/2014 2:24 PM
33	My daughter loves to walk dogs of neighbors in park.	9/22/2014 1:48 PM
34	dogs are potentially dangerous.	9/22/2014 1:21 PM
35	Barstow Woods is closer to home. Also, our lot is big enough for our dogs to exercise at home.	9/22/2014 12:43 PM
36	I did not know there was one	9/22/2014 11:11 AM
37	very poor location, wet grounds all the time. Owners of dogs may not care if their dog has shots or is a safe animal. Needs to have a yearly user fee for this park	9/22/2014 12:42 AM
38	Barstow Woods is more convenient for me, and in addition, Chippewassee Park is more prone to flooding. I tend to take the dog to Barstow woods more often.	9/21/2014 6:45 PM
39	Cats are not welcome	9/21/2014 4:23 PM
40	Our dogs have a very large yard to play in	9/21/2014 3:45 PM
41	I like walking my dogs on the paths at Barstow- standing around at Chippewassee not as entertaining for us.	9/21/2014 1:54 PM
42	Dog too old	9/21/2014 12:19 PM
43	It takes too long to get out to that Dog Park. Any chance you might create a fenced area at Stratford or Plymouth?	9/20/2014 1:00 PM
44	I have heard that some dogs have gotten sick in the past after going to the dog park	9/20/2014 8:35 AM

45	Over the past year its been closed more than open.	9/20/2014 12:22 AM
46	We go rarely only because our dogs are seniors now and have health issues.	9/19/2014 9:46 PM
47	just walk the dog in our neighborhood	9/19/2014 5:11 PM
48	Don't take the time	9/19/2014 4:36 PM
49	We have a large yard and lots of dogs in neighborhood to visit.	9/19/2014 4:13 PM
50	It's mostly due to my schedule. I actually have 2 labs, and they love the dog park. After we moved to a house with a fenced in yard, we have stopped going to the dog park. No specific reason other than probably laziness on my part because we would have to drive there while we can do other things around/ near house on foot.	9/19/2014 12:48 PM
51	My dogs are older so I can't take them out as much.	9/19/2014 12:10 PM
52	Kind of boring for owners. Not a great area to walk around in.	9/19/2014 11:52 AM
53	more or less just concerned about the safety of my dog with other dogs especial pitbulls.	9/19/2014 11:03 AM
54	Always muddy and not a lot of people there.	9/19/2014 10:52 AM
55	My dog does not socialize well.	9/19/2014 9:52 AM
56	Only use BMX	9/19/2014 9:39 AM
57	No specific reason	9/19/2014 9:29 AM
58	We do not visit dog parks for concern go how other dogs can be.	9/19/2014 9:16 AM
59	Have a dog park where I live.	9/19/2014 9:12 AM
60	Requires me to drive from my house, so we just take a stroll in our neighborhood onstead	9/19/2014 7:35 AM
61	I live too far away	9/19/2014 5:18 AM
62	Didn't know about it.	9/18/2014 11:03 PM
63	I have heard that that the people that go there are rude and their dogs are mean. I'm happy with the people that attend Barstow and enjoy taking my dogs there.	9/18/2014 10:37 PM
64	It is not well maintained and there are rarely other dogs there.	9/18/2014 10:20 PM
65	Concern for personal safety--it's kind of isolated, though you can see it from the highway. Not many people walk by.	9/18/2014 9:59 PM
66	Go to other places	9/18/2014 9:43 PM
67	My dog does not like to ride in the car	9/18/2014 8:49 PM
68	No swimming pool	9/18/2014 8:40 PM
69	Our dog uses the back yard.	9/18/2014 7:32 PM
70	Very close to City Forest and would prefer to go there as there are less people/less dogs/less issues.	9/18/2014 7:27 PM
71	I know that my neighbor is concern for her dogs health that why she is not going to any dog parks	9/18/2014 5:59 PM
72	We have a large enough yard that we don't need to take the dog to the park.	9/16/2014 8:41 AM

Q17 What is your overall impression of the parks you visit?

Answered: 504 Skipped: 93



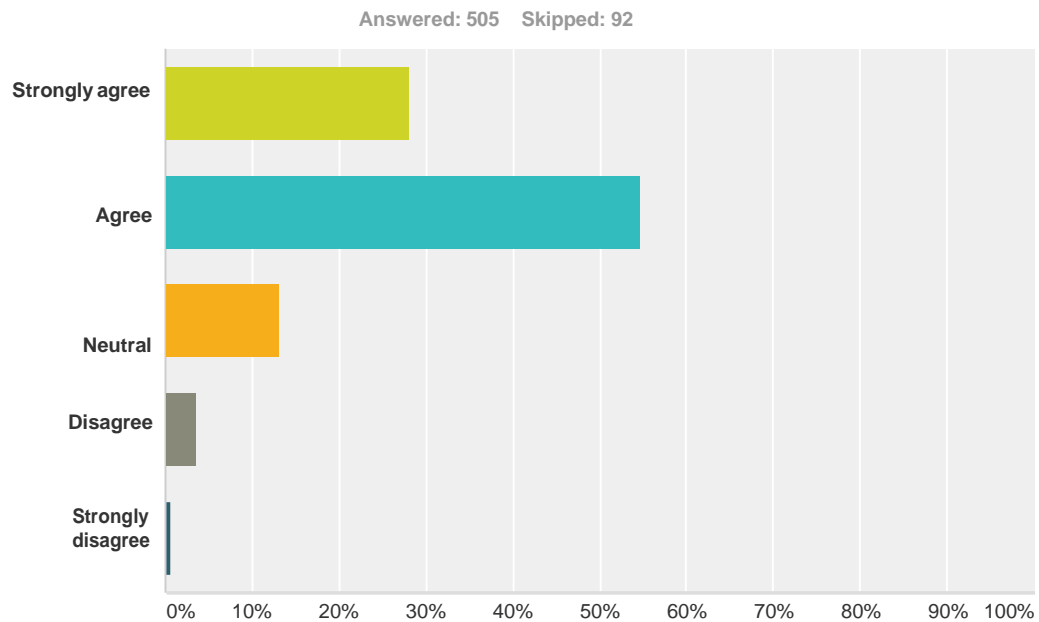
Answer Choices	Responses
Very satisfied	35.32% 178
Satisfied	51.19% 258
Neutral	9.92% 50
Disappointed	2.98% 15
Very Disappointed	0.60% 3
Total	504

#	Comments	Date
1	Disappointed that many dog owners are not in control of there dogs.	10/8/2014 7:53 PM
2	The disc golf course could be mowed more often. Otherwise, I'd be very satisfied	10/6/2014 4:10 PM
3	love the parks with trees and paths. very enjoyable to walk	10/6/2014 8:22 AM
4	Barstow Woods needs hard surface parking and water for dogs during the warmer times of the year.	10/2/2014 1:36 PM
5	Reference to city forest	10/1/2014 10:04 PM
6	Full of dog poop	10/1/2014 3:12 PM
7	I wish more parks had playground equipment or swing sets. The closest park to my house is Cleveland park, and it is mostly just an open field with cut grass.	10/1/2014 1:54 PM
8	very disappointed that the central bridge in the City Forest is still not repaired!	10/1/2014 9:53 AM
9	The disc golf course is great. Sometimes a bit dirty, but that is the fault of the more unsavory patrons.	10/1/2014 12:17 AM
10	Love the woods walk and open area for dogs to play.	9/30/2014 8:27 PM

11	grass is seldom cut for disc golf especially early to mid summer	9/30/2014 8:00 PM
12	Would like to see another basketball hoop at the opposite end in Lowell Park.	9/30/2014 6:45 PM
13	cleanliness could improve, mostly involving more receptacles for trash, and that those features would be tamper-proof to stop vandals and inconsiderate people.	9/30/2014 3:50 PM
14	Most parks are enjoyable.	9/30/2014 3:24 PM
15	Again, if the parking lots werent dirt, it would make it a lot nicer.	9/30/2014 8:23 AM
16	But the bridge needs to be fixed in the city forest! It's been two years now, and it's dangerous (and people use it all the time!)	9/29/2014 11:50 PM
17	We need some parks on the West end of the city...there is virtually nothing West of Eastman and East of Stark	9/29/2014 10:31 PM
18	the Pickleball courts have several cracks in the court and not many net cord straps on nets.	9/27/2014 10:29 PM
19	City Forest needs trail signs & better maps! People are afraid to hike the trails because of getting lost.	9/26/2014 8:58 PM
20	central park tennis courts (pickleball courts) need to be resurfaced	9/24/2014 4:48 PM
21	The neighborhood parks need to have more available such as the ice rinks we used to have.	9/24/2014 10:23 AM
22	Grateful for the number of parks in our town	9/23/2014 8:04 PM
23	There needs to be a concerted effort to remove buckthorn from Emerson Park. You have done an admirable job at Barstow!	9/23/2014 6:50 AM
24	City Forest is a gem. Disappointed that the City seems to place low value on this park. Central Bridge has been 2 years in disrepair. No enforcement to prevent horses from riding on single track trails (again).	9/22/2014 11:01 PM
25	Skate track would be nice with hockey rink	9/22/2014 10:49 PM
26	Many people smoking and/or throwing cigarette butts on ground. I have an asthmatic son who cant be around smoke.	9/22/2014 9:59 PM
27	Need to do a better job mowing and weeding	9/22/2014 7:42 PM
28	It would be nice if Plymouth Park had equipment that was interesting for upper elementary kids.	9/22/2014 9:10 AM
29	newly planted trees, removal of non-native plants- such incredible beauty and maintance	9/22/2014 7:55 AM
30	We have been members of curry golf course for 14 years and we feel we paid for 4 9 hole golf courses and we only got 3 courses this year, really thinking about not getting a membership	9/21/2014 3:57 PM
31	Central Park courts needs improvements, see 19. below. Location improvements are needed for Tunes by the Tridge.	9/21/2014 3:44 PM
32	Wish there was a swing set at Fournie.	9/21/2014 10:38 AM
33	Improvements on parks are very nice and safe	9/21/2014 10:07 AM
34	Plymouth is always well-kept, and Barstow Woods is always mowed.	9/20/2014 1:01 PM
35	I wish the dog park was in a different location, as every spring no one can use it for at least a month with the spring flooding. Or it would be nice if there was another dog park that was completely fenced like maybe out at Barstow woods park, or some place else that does not flood every spring. The Chippewassee Park is nice but the playground is to small, need some new additions to it. Love the Longview spray park. Plymouth park is awesome.	9/20/2014 10:12 AM
36	The grass needs to be kept mowed more often.	9/19/2014 6:44 PM
37	Would like to see playground areas be smoke free. I don't like it when my child plays in an area where there are cigarette butts, second hand smoke. My husband smokes but is always careful not to do it around our daughter so I don't want other people smoking around her	9/19/2014 6:31 PM
38	They are expensive to maintain so I worry about the burden on tax payers.	9/19/2014 6:19 PM
39	Not consistently grooming ski trails	9/19/2014 6:08 PM
40	Not natural enough.	9/19/2014 5:03 PM

41	A lot of noise generated by lawn machines bother me a lot when I visit a park. It kinda defeats the purpose. I know parks need to be maintained, but maybe quiet times could be established.	9/19/2014 4:37 PM
42	Since my property backs up to a city park, I wish people who pick up after their pets.	9/19/2014 3:40 PM
43	Weeds are out of control. In a town where a global chemical company is headquartered, you'd think we could have nice grass in our parks.	9/19/2014 3:39 PM
44	Picnic tables not always in the best condition	9/19/2014 1:20 PM
45	They are the best!	9/19/2014 12:46 PM
46	Too many parks are just an empty grass lot	9/19/2014 10:44 AM
47	Too much riff raff hanging out at the skate park	9/19/2014 10:28 AM
48	My kids are sad the sandboxes erw removed from our local parks. Same for the large slide at Greenfield Park.	9/19/2014 10:23 AM
49	Bmx track needs lots of work.	9/19/2014 9:49 AM
50	The facilities are normally in poor conditions. Especially Currie golf course, softball fields, and city forest. There is no pride in maintaining the facilities.	9/19/2014 7:32 AM
51	Sunset park is in our neighborhood and we enjoy it, but it has wooden bridges that cross over the creeks that are in need of some attention.	9/18/2014 10:43 PM
52	Not enough things for smaller children and visibility of my children	9/18/2014 9:24 PM
53	I wish the city forest would groom the trails for cross country skiing. There are lots of skiers out there and more every year.	9/18/2014 9:21 PM
54	The parks are kept up at least as well as ever. The new playground equipment at Ottawa Park makes it look nice.	9/18/2014 8:57 PM
55	Emerson park is in need of a major overhaul. Was disappointed not to see any progress or ongoing maintenance on the stadium over the past few years.	9/18/2014 8:37 PM
56	Rent Plymouth park pavilion and not very clean. Rent one at least twice a year. Park visitors (sometimes several people at once) walk right thru our event while we're eating or having a meeting to use bathroom. Should have entrance on sides instead of middle	9/18/2014 7:30 PM
57	This past year parks have been mowed more. In the past, grass would grow so tall we couldn't see our feet when we walked. Love that parks are mowed more often this year.	9/18/2014 7:07 PM
58	The lawn care. Some grass isn't even mowed and thus us what outsiders notice first.	9/18/2014 5:10 PM
59	Last time I was at Barstow, it was looking a little run down.	9/16/2014 8:43 AM

Q18 The park facilities are clean:



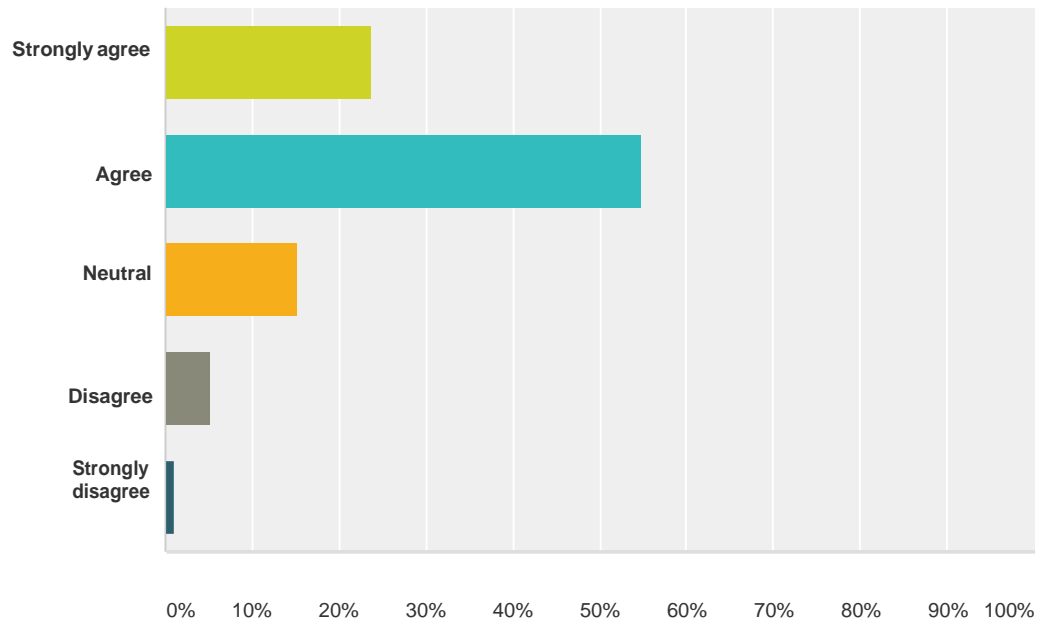
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	28.12% 142
Agree	54.65% 276
Neutral	13.07% 66
Disagree	3.56% 18
Strongly disagree	0.59% 3
Total	505

#	Comments	Date
1	Have to watch where you walk because dog owners are not picking up after their dogs especially on trails and wooded areas.	10/8/2014 7:53 PM
2	Compared to other disc golf courses, it's pretty clean.	10/6/2014 4:10 PM
3	Glad that they at least have a port a - John	10/4/2014 12:16 PM
4	The daily dog walkers at Barstow try to keep the park clean, too.	10/4/2014 10:43 AM
5	disc golf course needs to be PAY TO PLAY and have some show of Supervision	10/3/2014 8:24 AM
6	We are used to the horse manure at city forest and recognize this is a part of the multiple uses of the facility	10/1/2014 10:04 PM
7	Park is great but parking muddy.	9/30/2014 8:27 PM
8	Disc golf course needs new trash cans and more of them.	9/30/2014 3:24 PM
9	Pickleball courts were cleaned this spring and they needed it badly. Very dirty/moldy and grass growing in the cracks. They cleaned up well but the cracks should be addressed. Cracks can be a safety hazard.	9/24/2014 9:04 AM
10	Horse droppings on single track trail prevents me from agreeing.	9/22/2014 11:01 PM

11	Central Pickleball courts need to be routinely cleaned.	9/22/2014 10:46 PM
12	Facilities have graffiti	9/22/2014 7:42 PM
13	The Plymouth Park bathrooms are amazingly clean. Thanks to whomever does that!	9/22/2014 9:10 AM
14	need some real pictures of the litter that uncaring people fling in the tridge area	9/22/2014 7:55 AM
15	The portajohns (such as the ones in Emerson and Chippewassee parks) are sometimes not as well maintained as the rest of the facilities.	9/21/2014 6:45 PM
16	I realize that your outside restrooms on currie golf course are hard to keep clean but when one is very dirty and I mean very dirty, anyway I let Paul know about the one that needed to be cleaned in late June or beginning of July, we'll let me just say it has not been cleaned yet, very disappointed	9/21/2014 3:57 PM
17	Central Park courts received a much needed cleaning that addressed a safety hazard as well as improved playability as a result of a request I submitted.	9/21/2014 3:44 PM
18	Hintz park is usually littered - not mowed as often as it could be. Strong hangout for kids - plenty of mischief goes on there. I have found empty prescription bottles and piles of spray paint cans - no graffiti - I'm assumig someone was huffing pain. Info turned in to police	9/21/2014 11:22 AM
19	There are always junk and trash all over. There isn't a trash can in place for when kids take things to the park and throw away. And the monster sand box is always gross I never let my daughter play in it. There's been glass in it before along with trash.	9/21/2014 10:38 AM
20	Unfortunately dog owners still think that park is their yard!	9/21/2014 10:07 AM
21	The bathrooms can always need some freshening up and a few times out of Toilet paper or the soap dispenser is out or not there.	9/20/2014 8:37 AM
22	I don't like cigarette butts in areas where the children are playing	9/19/2014 6:31 PM
23	Bathrooms at Stratford are filthy.	9/19/2014 6:19 PM
24	Cook always has quite a bit of trash around.	9/19/2014 4:15 PM
25	cigarette butts are annoying - should enforce littering law to avoid this	9/19/2014 2:31 PM
26	Mowed, no litter	9/19/2014 1:20 PM
27	The Disk golf park has a lot of trash and hardly any garbage cans	9/19/2014 11:54 AM
28	Farmers market bathrooms were disgusting labor day morning.	9/19/2014 10:05 AM
29	Sometimes bathroom is very nasty but most of the time it is great. Nice and indoors.	9/19/2014 9:40 AM
30	The bathrooms are lacking	9/19/2014 9:10 AM
31	do not use	9/19/2014 8:32 AM
32	The grounds are not maintained very well and the workers and their supervisors don't care. Zero PRIDE!!!	9/19/2014 7:32 AM
33	Some are more natural parks- tree limbs dead and fallen, large areas of grass clippings, etc.	9/18/2014 10:32 PM
34	Plymouth pool is chilly and locker rooms and the pool were very dirty this year. Although we were there almost daily, we never saw the pool or locker rooms being cleaned.-	9/18/2014 8:31 PM
35	See above	9/18/2014 7:30 PM
36	staff does good job of cleaning, public often leaves litter and garbage	9/18/2014 5:54 PM
37	Dirty in the bathrooms. Not tended to regularly.	9/18/2014 5:10 PM

Q19 The park facilities are well maintained:

Answered: 505 Skipped: 92



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	23.76%	120
Agree	54.85%	277
Neutral	15.25%	77
Disagree	5.15%	26
Strongly disagree	0.99%	5
Total		505

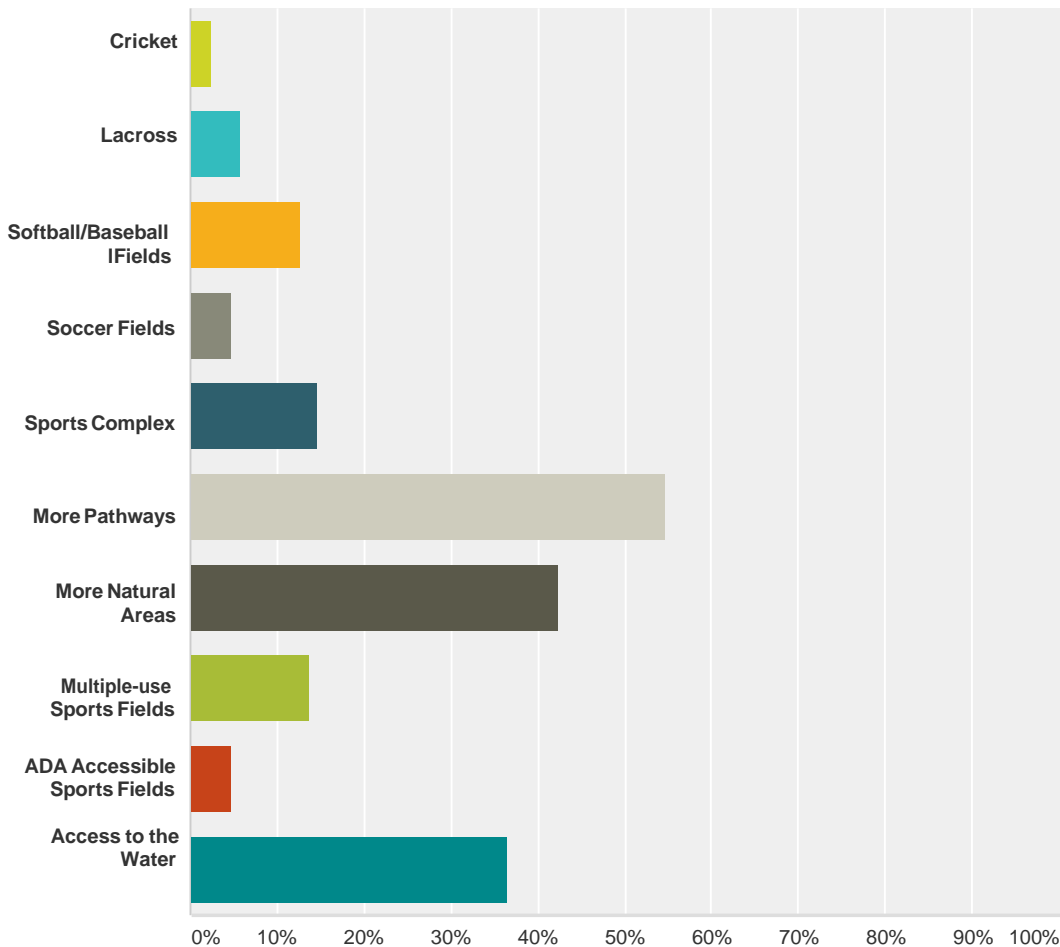
#	Comments	Date
1	Caldwell Boat Ramp Needs Improvements	10/27/2014 4:34 PM
2	Barstow needs wider entrance.	10/15/2014 3:44 PM
3	Softball fields are poorly maintained and directly result in injury.	10/8/2014 3:40 PM
4	I'd strongly agree if the grass for the disc golf course was mowed more often	10/6/2014 4:10 PM
5	Depends on the time of year or after a big storm when trees have fallen.	10/4/2014 12:16 PM
6	The area of the north gate of the Saginaw Road parking lot at Barstow gets very muddy. The load of wood chips put in last year has disappeared into the mud.	10/4/2014 10:43 AM
7	disc golf course seems to be last on the list for regular maintenance and improvements	10/3/2014 8:24 AM
8	Mark at Stratford is very good grounds keeper!	10/2/2014 1:36 PM
9	City Forest should get more attention -- repair bridge and more grooming during the snow season.	10/1/2014 9:53 AM
10	Some areas of the disc golf course could be better groomed--it is too easy to lose a disc in many areas.	10/1/2014 12:17 AM
11	Would be nice to have a water outlet.	9/30/2014 8:27 PM

12	Could mow more often when grass is really growing fast. Very much like that you painted the basketball post this year!	9/30/2014 6:45 PM
13	The bridge in City Forest needs to be fixed so I can ride my horse across it and ride on the south side. Also a port-a-Jon should be placed in the south, Eastman, parking lot; there are a lot of walkers, joggers, etc. who would	9/30/2014 5:10 PM
14	Disc golf course needs a lot of maintenance. There is A LOT of graffiti and broken glass throughout the course along with things being broken.	9/30/2014 3:24 PM
15	Chippewa banks could use more city help	9/30/2014 1:26 PM
16	Showers at Midland Civic Arena leave a lot to be desired.	9/30/2014 12:22 PM
17	Again.....the parking lots are a mess after it rains.	9/30/2014 8:23 AM
18	See comment about bridge in city forest	9/29/2014 11:50 PM
19	The pickleball courts are getting bad cracks	9/29/2014 7:04 AM
20	They cleaned the courts and put down lines which are super nice but courts are cracking badly due to poor job laying black top	9/27/2014 10:29 PM
21	Central Park courts are used extensively for pickleball four mornings each week with 10-16 players each day. The court surface has many cracks. Several safety hazards are also present. Center net straps are missing on all four courts. The lone trash barrel appears to be emptied about once per summer.	9/26/2014 6:07 PM
22	Rail trail is in need of more pruning to keep trees vines back from trail. Downed trees in Emerson park blocking stream feeding into the river need to be cleaned up.	9/26/2014 11:38 AM
23	except as stated above and if barstow was completely fenced and had water	9/24/2014 4:48 PM
24	Some could use upgraded equipment - there is some rust and other sharp metal that could be hazardous.	9/24/2014 3:38 PM
25	Public restrooms are disappearing and need attention.	9/24/2014 10:23 AM
26	Seems that pickle ball is growing in popularity and the courts could be maintained better than they are. See above comments. (This summer we had 12-16 players at least 3 days a week.	9/24/2014 9:04 AM
27	why not use kids in the juvenile center to do park clean up for community service	9/23/2014 8:04 PM
28	some yes-----many no	9/23/2014 10:25 AM
29	The beach area is well-maintained at Stratford Woods Park. However, more needs to be done with weed control in the roped off swim area. Weeds continue to overtake both ends of the swimming area as well as invading along the entire length of the swim rope where the water gets just deep enough for swimming. There are a good number of people who use this area for lap swimming all summer and most all have the same complaints.	9/23/2014 10:24 AM
30	cracks in pickleball courts	9/23/2014 8:26 AM
31	I think one of the biggest threats to newly planted trees in the parks are city workers on their riding mowers. It's disconcerting knowing that my tax dollars that purchase trees are also paying city workers who are careless and destroy trees.	9/23/2014 6:50 AM
32	Cracks need to be repaired in pickleball court...it's a safety issue as us older people try to gain good footing.	9/22/2014 10:46 PM
33	mark at Stratford does a great job	9/22/2014 10:18 PM
34	The pickleball courts have a lot of cracks that have a negative affect on the game play	9/22/2014 9:16 PM
35	The outdoor Pickle Ball courts need improving: better striping, crack sealing, equipment for drying	9/22/2014 7:54 PM
36	Central Park pickleball courts need repair- have a lot of cracks. Also, the cement practice wall is in such bad shape that it is essentially unusable	9/22/2014 7:16 PM
37	Pickelball courts need resurfacing.	9/22/2014 6:19 PM
38	softball stadium needs repair	9/22/2014 5:00 PM
39	Outside Restrooms on currie golf course, previous comment on # 18	9/21/2014 3:57 PM
40	Grass should be cut more regularly	9/21/2014 3:53 PM

41	Central Park courts are used extensively for pickleball (one of the fastest growing sports nationally) four mornings each week with 10-16 players each day. Court surface has many cracks. Several Safety hazards are present. Center net straps were not reinstalled this year.	9/21/2014 3:44 PM
42	At Cook park they were distributing mulch this spring- I saw 3 workers there, only one was working, the other two were talking. They didn't have enough mulch for the whole park, so they just put some mostly under the swings (which were closest to the parking lot where the mulch had been deposited) not at the far corner of the park where it actually needed mulch. I was not impressed.	9/21/2014 1:56 PM
43	see previous comment	9/21/2014 11:22 AM
44	They took the building out at Fournie park and there is a pipe that comes slightly out of the ground there. My daughter loves to spin on the concrete right there or ride her bike and I just have to make sure she stays away from it since its sharp. It would be awesome if there were a restroom at the parks I visit besides Plymouth park.	9/21/2014 10:38 AM
45	As well as can be	9/21/2014 10:07 AM
46	This past year when we visited Gerstacker Splash Park, the sensors were broken and we were unable to use it unless someone else was already there and got it running.	9/20/2014 12:05 AM
47	THANK YOU for doing such a great job clearing the rail trail of snow in the winter months. I run the rail trail for 5 miles every single day all winter long, first thing in the morning, and I am SO thankful that it's almost always cleared of snow! THANK YOU!	9/19/2014 6:48 PM
48	Fence at Emerson down for months. Bathrooms at the stadium are closed. No water for infields. Emerson is not "doing Midland proud".	9/19/2014 6:39 PM
49	Maintained trash reciprocals would be very beneficial in eliminating littering	9/19/2014 5:04 PM
50	Too well maintained, they have noisy machines going on most of the time!	9/19/2014 4:37 PM
51	Cook never has the required mulch under the play equipment.	9/19/2014 4:15 PM
52	Kaufman could stand to be mowed more. Maybe an adult fitness course would be nice.	9/19/2014 3:49 PM
53	My property backs up to a city park. There are times that the grass needed to have been mowed a week earlier. I wish that there wasn't a set mowing schedule and that the parks were mowed on an as needed basis.	9/19/2014 3:40 PM
54	Smelly trash containers	9/19/2014 1:20 PM
55	The Barstow Woods beach could be cleaner	9/19/2014 12:09 PM
56	There is a lot of over growth areas on the course and trash	9/19/2014 11:54 AM
57	Fields 4 & 5 are pretty hazardous. The lines on the other fields have been painted wrong a few times.	9/19/2014 10:32 AM
58	Track needs to be better maintained so the riders can enjoy more track time.	9/19/2014 9:49 AM
59	The grounds are not maintained very well and the workers and their supervisors don't care. Zero PRIDE!!!	9/19/2014 7:32 AM
60	I do feel the overall field conditions for softball have been declining greatly in recent years. Also the city is very quick to rain out games rather than have crews actually out working up the fields. In fact I bet there'd be volunteers whom if provided with Diamond dry and rakes would work on getting fields ready	9/19/2014 4:53 AM
61	On the Pere Marquette Rail Trail there are some areas inside the City limits where the trees and bushes could be trimmed back better, sometimes they protrude into the paths. I've nearly impaled myself a couple of times on branches sticking into the paths while riding my bike.	9/18/2014 11:21 PM
62	They are maintained- not sure I would say 'well' but decent enough I visit!	9/18/2014 10:32 PM
63	Plymouth park just underwent major renovations and it looks wonderful, however we are disappointed with the maintenance on weeds. The weeds growing in the sidewalk areas are huge and we wish it was maintained better. Litter is also a problem. We always pick up trash when we are there but my son is always finding wrappers and such in the wood chips. Maybe a sign reminding park goers to pick up put trash in the bins.	9/18/2014 10:25 PM
64	There is much that can be done to the softball diamonds, or that could be done better, to make these quality fields.	9/18/2014 10:25 PM
65	Need to take care about volleyball court either at Emerson park or at Plymouth Park (next to the pool). Stratford courts are too busy over the summer.	9/18/2014 8:53 PM
66	See above	9/18/2014 8:31 PM
67	Everything but shelters	9/18/2014 7:30 PM
68	Some parks are getting more attention than others & it shows in the maintenance of the parks.	9/16/2014 8:43 AM

Q20 What type of facilities or improvements would you like to see added to the City of Midland parks? (Select all that you are interested in)

Answered: 370 Skipped: 227



Answer Choices	Responses	
Cricket	2.43%	9
Lacross	5.95%	22
Softball/Baseball Fields	12.70%	47
Soccer Fields	4.86%	18
Sports Complex	14.59%	54
More Pathways	54.59%	202
More Natural Areas	42.43%	157
Multiple-use Sports Fields	13.78%	51
ADA Accessible Sports Fields	4.86%	18
Access to the Water	36.49%	135
Total Respondents: 370		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Restroom facility at Caldwell Lot needs paving. Second launch toe ase conjection. Dredge dock area to shallow when river flow is reduced.	10/27/2014 4:35 PM
2	More swimming pools	10/27/2014 4:34 PM
3	Fenced dog area in woods. Chippewasee is beautiful, love the benches, but wooded trails would be nice at City Forest or Stratford.	10/15/2014 3:47 PM
4	More paved nature areas for those using wheelchairs. Would love to see a section of City Forest paved so I could take my elderly parents there via wheelchair.	10/14/2014 3:04 PM
5	better signage and trail maps	10/13/2014 12:54 PM
6	Improvements are greatly needed to the condition of the softball fields. They are dry and rocky. Something as simple as watering them or raking would be a great start!!!	10/8/2014 3:42 PM
7	More holes at the disc golf course or even another course, preferably 18 or more holes, at another park	10/6/2014 4:12 PM
8	I would like to see at least one more option for a nice dog park, that has shade and a place or two for me to sit, while my dog plays, like Barstow. which is PACKED between 4-7, M-F.	10/6/2014 8:25 AM
9	Large fenced areas with trees and bushes inside at both Stratford, City Forest, and a baseball field-sized area at west side of Plymouth Park for dogs to run freely.	10/4/2014 10:47 AM
10	clean up Sturgeon creek so it is passable when the water is flowing	10/3/2014 8:21 PM
11	another disc golf course (ADA trails, putting area and tee pads	10/3/2014 8:25 AM
12	water for dogs at Barstow and a few more doggie bag and collections stations.	10/2/2014 1:42 PM
13	More designated dog parks.	10/1/2014 5:43 PM
14	More picnic tables / benches	10/1/2014 5:26 PM
15	Universal Access	10/1/2014 5:13 PM
16	Leash ordinance for dogs	10/1/2014 3:12 PM
17	More disc golf!	10/1/2014 2:35 PM
18	An adult playground/gym for working out - an example of one that exists is in Macombs Dam Park in the Bronx. The park in Sanford by the dam also has some outdoor gym equipment.	10/1/2014 9:11 AM
19	Disc golf course!	10/1/2014 12:18 AM
20	another Disc Golf Course	9/30/2014 8:01 PM
21	Prefer not to have blockbuster events at the city forest which should be treated more as a preserve even though it does not have that designation.	9/30/2014 6:27 PM
22	another disc golf course	9/30/2014 5:26 PM
23	More Disc Golf Courses	9/30/2014 5:19 PM
24	Another disc golf course, preferably a closed gate, pay to park, area. This would decrease vandilism	9/30/2014 4:07 PM
25	second disc golf course, you have a very active disc golf club with leagues and tournaments, and a decent course already, but need to continue to make improvements to this course as it is aging, and begin to plan for a new one, people drive all over the state to play new courses, and will stay in your city if they have multiple courses to play while they are there.	9/30/2014 3:53 PM
26	Add another disc golf course	9/30/2014 3:34 PM
27	another disc golf course	9/30/2014 3:29 PM

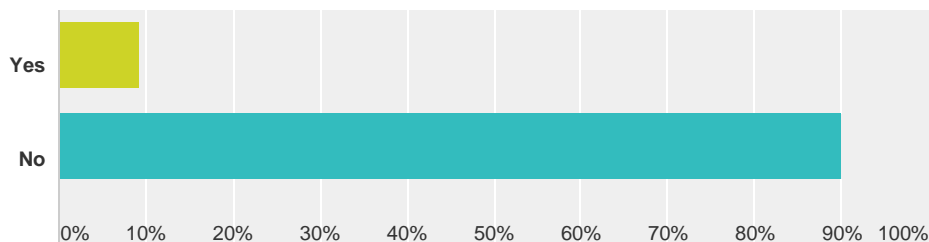
28	Another course	9/30/2014 2:25 PM
29	Another disc golf course. It gets overly crowded and trashed due too many people.	9/30/2014 1:28 PM
30	Just maintain what we have and create parks on the West end of the city. Sturgeon, Dublin, Stark roads have nothing	9/29/2014 10:32 PM
31	plymouth park has the paved walking path. the north end and the south end have lights along the path which makes it easy to use in the early evening. however the area in the middle has no lights and is very dark. if 3 more lights were added from the area by the water tower south to plymouth street and one more light on the south end between plymouth street and the speed bump, it would make it much more useable.	9/29/2014 4:50 PM
32	Pickleball courts that are well marked and maintained	9/29/2014 7:05 AM
33	Better Pickleball courts with even surface. Net straps to keep nets at correct height.	9/27/2014 10:35 PM
34	Better signage at City Forest	9/27/2014 9:58 PM
35	enough parks and facilities are already there for almost anything. Have to stop sometime and be satisfied. It must cost taxpayers a fortune to maintain what is now available.	9/27/2014 10:03 AM
36	Improved and expanded pickleball facilities.	9/26/2014 6:08 PM
37	More restrooms	9/26/2014 5:49 PM
38	Bike park at Chippewassee Park	9/26/2014 2:14 PM
39	repave central tennis courts and water, lights and more fence at barstow	9/24/2014 4:55 PM
40	I love walking at the nature center because it is clean and kept up, but I also feel really connected with nature while I'm there. Maybe more parks that are located in wooded areas and pathways along the woods.	9/24/2014 11:48 AM
41	nothing imparticular	9/24/2014 11:36 AM
42	Expanded/improved pickleball courts	9/24/2014 9:06 AM
43	fix concrete cracks on tennis courts central park	9/24/2014 6:21 AM
44	more benches at all playgrounds	9/23/2014 8:09 PM
45	additional pickleball courts	9/23/2014 5:27 PM
46	Dog park at the other end of town my dog is a runner and needs to be securely fenced in!	9/23/2014 2:47 PM
47	none----enough is enough there are far more parks than residents using them	9/23/2014 10:28 AM
48	pickleball courts	9/23/2014 8:46 AM
49	More bike lanes	9/22/2014 11:13 PM
50	Skate area	9/22/2014 10:49 PM
51	Upgrade and add additional pickleball courts...it is one of the fastest growing sports today.	9/22/2014 10:48 PM
52	A larger and/or a year round farmers market	9/22/2014 10:44 PM
53	Indoor olympic size pool for lap swim/swim meets	9/22/2014 10:29 PM
54	More playground equipment for kids 5-12.	9/22/2014 10:22 PM
55	More swimming pools and cycling trails.	9/22/2014 10:13 PM
56	Some dead tree removal, although not all in the woods. Only ones that block paths or could cause harm	9/22/2014 10:11 PM
57	Smoke free play areas for kids	9/22/2014 10:00 PM
58	A radio control car track for kids and adults to use their little vehicles on. It's a great hobby that teaches kids not only mechanics, hand eye coordination, but the physics of why cars behave the way they do as per their suspension setup and weight distribution.	9/22/2014 9:29 PM
59	More pickleball courts as the game is growing and number of people playing is increasing	9/22/2014 9:17 PM

60	Bike pathway to city forest and horse access along side pathways - this is done in other areas.	9/22/2014 9:16 PM
61	Pool	9/22/2014 9:16 PM
62	Improved bathrooms	9/22/2014 8:30 PM
63	Love to have bocce and shuffle board for seniors. Would love better access to water with fishing docks, etc.	9/22/2014 7:43 PM
64	Pickleball courts	9/22/2014 7:22 PM
65	Pickelball courts	9/22/2014 6:20 PM
66	pickleball courts	9/22/2014 6:01 PM
67	Adult training obstacles along paced paths. Pull up bar, wall climb, box jump, etc! That would be great for interval training	9/22/2014 2:40 PM
68	Volleyball	9/22/2014 2:31 PM
69	I would like to see playground equipment in Lincoln park.	9/22/2014 12:01 PM
70	Dog water fountain in dog park	9/22/2014 10:26 AM
71	Upper elementary (10-12 yr olds) playground equipment	9/22/2014 9:11 AM
72	wood chips are great in Barstow woods- makes spring walks a little less muddy and keeps the natural look of the woods	9/22/2014 7:58 AM
73	More options to bike around Midland, to parks, in parks.... SAFELY.	9/22/2014 7:40 AM
74	Won't EVER happen but snowmobile / atv trails .	9/22/2014 12:45 AM
75	Golf corses	9/21/2014 6:51 PM
76	Community garden at cook park	9/21/2014 6:50 PM
77	More tennis courts	9/21/2014 4:23 PM
78	4 course golf course put back at currie	9/21/2014 3:58 PM
79	Dog	9/21/2014 3:53 PM
80	1. Improved and expanded pickleball facilities. 2. Outdoor amphitheater for Tunes by the Tridge, Riverdays etc. 3. The railtrail must be one of the City's most used recreational facilities. It draws a lot of users from outside the city as well which promotes city commerce. I believe an additional paved path along Tittabawassee River Road from Emerson Park to the County's Riverbend Park would be a great and easy addition to the City/County's network of paved pathways	9/21/2014 3:50 PM
81	Canoe/Kayak trail down Sturgeon Creek from north of US 10 to Farmer's Market. Requires a pipe move at Saginaw Rd Bridge.	9/21/2014 3:29 PM
82	More wooded walkways on which motorized vehicles are NOT allowed	9/21/2014 11:23 AM
83	Keeping them cleaner. People littering, pet owners, if these people would be more respectful, that would be nice	9/21/2014 10:13 AM
84	Another large fenced, open area for dogs to run and play. If the ice takes out Chippewasee Dog Park again, could it be moved to another location? Why keep repairing it when it will be taken out again the next spring?	9/20/2014 1:03 PM
85	Another rink for street and ice hockey	9/20/2014 3:00 AM
86	Fix what we have.	9/19/2014 6:40 PM
87	We can not afford more amenities.	9/19/2014 6:21 PM
88	more X-country skiing	9/19/2014 6:09 PM
89	More handicap facilities, amigos, etc	9/19/2014 4:39 PM
90	Add fitness equipment to playgrounds (chin-up bars, etc.)	9/19/2014 3:52 PM
91	Pull up bars at adult heights.	9/19/2014 3:51 PM
92	I live on a court that backs up to a city park. There is no pathway from the street to the park. Even though my property is fenced, people will cut through our property to get to and from the park.	9/19/2014 3:41 PM

93	bocee ball courts	9/19/2014 2:32 PM
94	Individual dog runs	9/19/2014 1:42 PM
95	More benches	9/19/2014 1:21 PM
96	Year round lap swimming and swim meet facilities	9/19/2014 12:45 PM
97	Well kept basketball courts	9/19/2014 11:53 AM
98	Should be easier to go fishing at parks	9/19/2014 10:45 AM
99	Our fee continues to increase yet the fields get worse.	9/19/2014 10:39 AM
100	More playground equipment in neighborhood parks. Many are just grassy areas, or grassy areas with one piece of outdated equipment (such as a swingset with no mulch/play surface underneath) ... not much reason to go if you already have a backyard.	9/19/2014 10:36 AM
101	Trilogy skate park. Let bmx kids ride there but patrol more often to get rid of the kids smoking pot/cigarettes	9/19/2014 10:30 AM
102	Nets at the soccer goals in longview would be nice. And a picnic table or 2 at each Park would be handy. Bathrooms for the larger parks. We bring our children, they're potty training...	9/19/2014 10:27 AM
103	paved parking at redcoats complex. Different colored softball bases. The softball fields are too hard and dusty and don't drain well.	9/19/2014 8:35 AM
104	Improvements to Currie golf course. Over the last 4 years the City, Parks and Rec department , and the golf course management staff have ruined Currie. Closing 9 holes to build a driving range on it was the dumbest move of all. You use to have a nice 45 hole golf complex, now it's terrible!!!	9/19/2014 7:37 AM
105	Better bmx	9/19/2014 6:56 AM
106	Golfing area to drive, practice chipping, and putt.	9/18/2014 11:43 PM
107	The sidewalks where I live (Bay City Rd) are pretty narrow, it would be nice to have the sidewalk widened to accommodate walkers and cyclist that are scared to ride on the road, especially where there aren't bike lanes.	9/18/2014 11:24 PM
108	Would love a bigger park with more trails and access to water for the dogs. Either a lake, pond or even water fountains.	9/18/2014 10:39 PM
109	We would love to see a complete paved circle around Plymouth park to walk with strollers.	9/18/2014 10:26 PM
110	Keeping it little kid friendly. Love the plymouth park renovation. Best places have real bathrooms instead of porta johns.	9/18/2014 9:10 PM
111	none	9/18/2014 8:58 PM
112	I would love to see a children's museum in Midland	9/18/2014 8:51 PM
113	Put a dome over Plymouth Park Pool for year-round use	9/18/2014 8:43 PM
114	Put emerson park back to its former glory.	9/18/2014 8:29 PM
115	Satisfied with what is available	9/18/2014 8:23 PM
116	More lounge chairs at the pool	9/18/2014 8:00 PM
117	More pickleball courts. Access to the neighborhood parks better marked. I would like to visit some of them but can't find the access path.	9/18/2014 7:51 PM
118	Areas by ball fields not conducive to picnicking/enjoying after games	9/18/2014 7:36 PM
119	More bike pathways. Path out Jefferson to allow safe ride from neighborhoods north of town to Wackerly	9/18/2014 7:15 PM
120	Soccer or football fields are great to play frisbee but there aren't many available in the city, aside from the large complex of soccer fields north of town.	9/18/2014 6:36 PM
121	a comment from my daughter is that newly renovated parks are less fun due to higher safety standards - nothing for older kids/ teens	9/18/2014 6:02 PM
122	Would live to have a batters cage for anyone to use!	9/18/2014 5:41 PM
123	Curling	9/18/2014 5:36 PM
124	Dogs on leash	9/18/2014 5:06 PM

Q21 It is a goal to strive to make each park as barrier-free/ADA accessible as possible for the convenience and enjoyment of visitors with disabilities. Do you have a household member with a disability?

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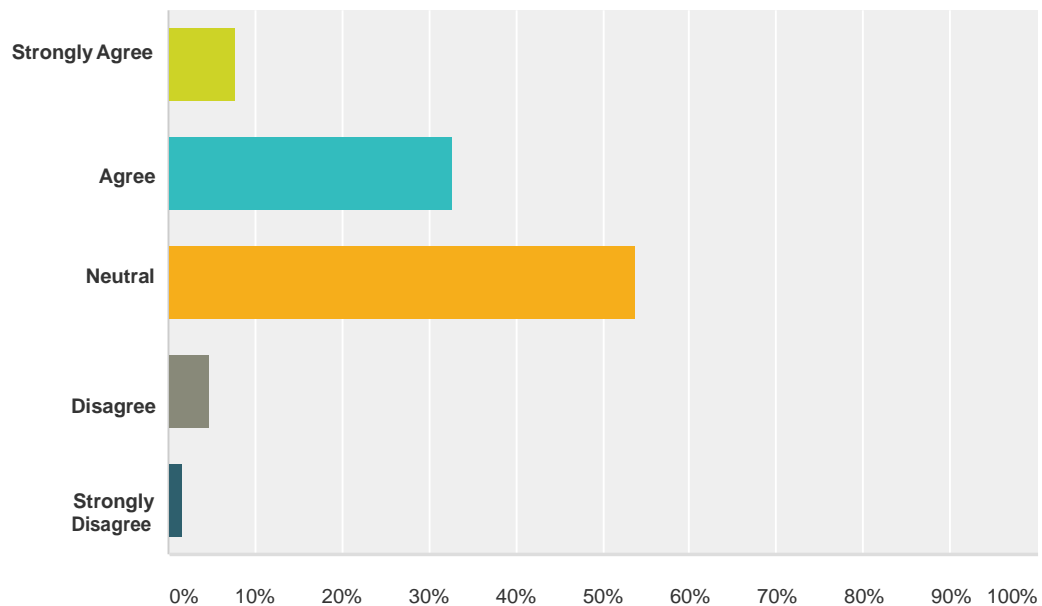
Answer Choices						Responses	
Yes						9.22%	46
No						90.78%	453
Total Respondents: 499							

#	If yes, please help us by specifying the disability						Date
1	Can't walk						10/27/2014 4:34 PM
2	I have elderly parents who do not live with me, with one parent with a disability. Would like to be able to do more outside with him.						10/14/2014 3:04 PM
3	My husband is either walking with a cane or uses a wheelchair.						10/11/2014 1:08 AM

4	Car accident and is in a wheelchair	10/8/2014 3:42 PM
5	mobility	10/7/2014 12:53 PM
6	Stroke	10/3/2014 11:49 AM
7	Home bound due to artheritis	9/27/2014 10:35 PM
8	uses wheelchair, grandson	9/27/2014 10:03 AM
9	limited walking ability, so paved paths are best, but benches needed for resting,	9/23/2014 8:09 PM
10	Wheelchair	9/23/2014 6:47 AM
11	Autism	9/22/2014 9:31 PM
12	Autism and parent in a wheelchair	9/22/2014 3:29 PM
13	Easier walking from fridge to chipawassee park	9/22/2014 2:31 PM
14	it's good to encourage disabled to enjoy the parks. but let's embrace the majority of us are NOT disabled and get a greater experience above and beyond what the disabled can enjoy. there is plenty of opportunity for the disabled.	9/22/2014 1:23 PM
15	Child with cerebral palsy. As she ages it can be difficult to walk in the grass. Improved surface trails would be the best option	9/21/2014 6:50 PM
16	Amputee	9/21/2014 10:13 AM
17	wheelchair	9/21/2014 6:05 AM
18	Unable to walk any distance.	9/19/2014 5:04 PM
19	I do not have a diagnosed disability, but I am very overweight and that makes it hard for me to walk so I really enjoy the amigos at Dow Gardens	9/19/2014 4:39 PM
20	Prefer not to.	9/19/2014 3:51 PM
21	RA which makes walking difficult at times.	9/19/2014 2:26 PM
22	wheelchair	9/19/2014 12:35 PM
23	No, but we have had wheelchair-bound/crutch-needed injuries plus a stroller-aged child and appreciate all accommodations.	9/19/2014 12:12 PM
24	User of a walker & on Oxygen. There are not enough parking spots at the Redcoats Complex for the disabled to watch a ball game. Please Help with this !!	9/19/2014 10:59 AM
25	autism and sensory processing disorder	9/19/2014 10:36 AM
26	Wheelchair bound	9/19/2014 9:20 AM
27	Elderly has to walk with a walker or cane and second one in wheel chair unable to walk.	9/19/2014 8:51 AM
28	Elderly	9/18/2014 8:04 PM
29	Wheelchair/cane	9/18/2014 7:36 PM
30	cerebral palsy	9/18/2014 5:25 PM

Q22 The current level of ADA accessibility is acceptable:

Answered: 469 Skipped: 128



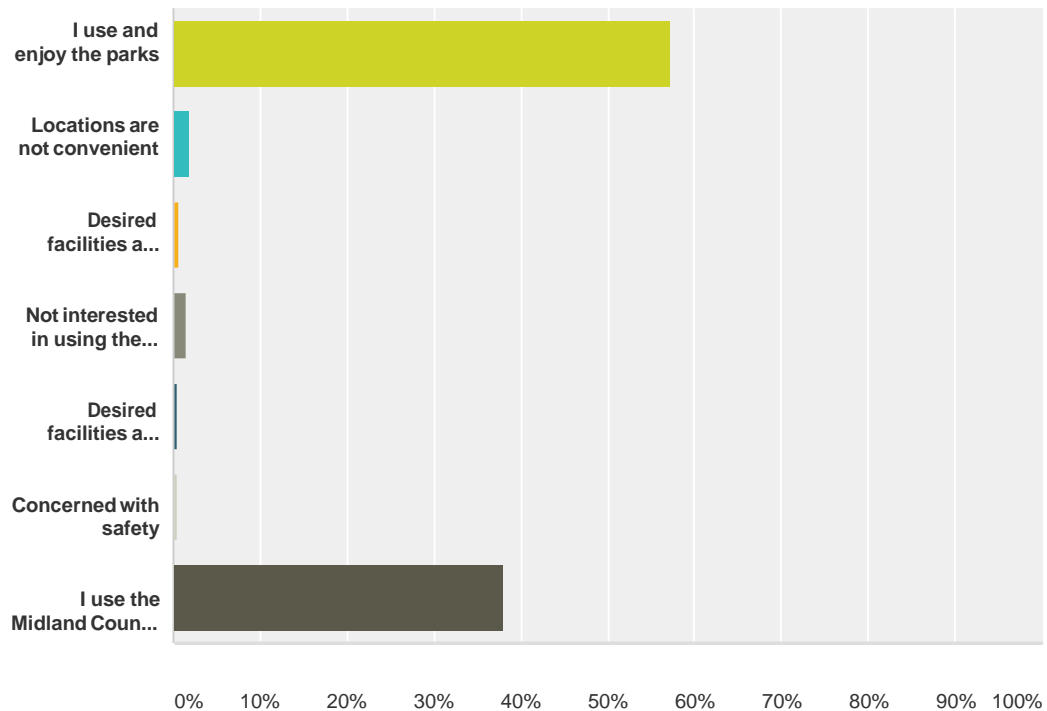
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	7.68% 36
Agree	32.84% 154
Neutral	53.94% 253
Disagree	4.90% 23
Strongly Disagree	1.71% 8
Total Respondents: 469	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	lack of parking	10/8/2014 3:42 PM
2	Can't speak for most of the parks but the rail trail & many downtown recreational areas seem very accessible.	9/30/2014 6:27 PM
3	Not of concern.	9/25/2014 10:57 AM
4	Unknown	9/23/2014 9:11 PM
5	I chose neutral because I have never given much thought to accessibility when at the park as it hasn't affected me. I did help a paralyzed man on a low slung recumbent bicycle get unstuck off the tridge where the pavement surface joined the wood surface. He'd been there for thirty minutes by that time. But that problem spot has been corrected.	9/22/2014 9:29 PM
6	Because no one in my family has an accessibility concern I have paid no attention to the current level	9/22/2014 6:27 PM
7	Really have not noted because we do not need yet.	9/22/2014 5:01 PM
8	city of midland, you already go above and beyond.	9/22/2014 1:23 PM
9	golf cart rides to & from autos for elderly & disabled at city sponsored events	9/21/2014 7:24 PM

10	We have generous accommodations already.	9/19/2014 6:21 PM
11	Unless you have a loved one with a handicap you ready would not know the needs of the disabled.	9/19/2014 12:48 PM
12	I haven't thought about accessibility while at the parks	9/19/2014 11:49 AM
13	IDK, dont have or know anyone with physical dissability	9/19/2014 10:45 AM
14	Because we are fortunate enough to not need ADA accessibility I can not speak on this.	9/19/2014 10:27 AM
15	Very hard for a person in a wheelchair it watch or get close enough to see at the bmx track.	9/19/2014 9:51 AM
16	Bmx park and trilogy park are not accessible. My husband is in a chair and cannot take our kids as get cannot access the parks. If something were to happen to them he can't get in to assist. Also, it is keeping people with disabilities out. The gates are not ADA compliant for accessibility.	9/19/2014 9:20 AM
17	Has improved but many buildings and facilities in the town need work - outdoors is easier.	9/19/2014 8:51 AM
18	hard for me to give an appropriate answer, as I don't know of anyone with a disability.	9/19/2014 8:36 AM
19	Needs to be more handicap parking at the Red Coats diamonds -- my elderly mom comes to watch and sometimes she can's get a spot and there is no way with her cane she can walk from the main lot.	9/19/2014 7:53 AM
20	Not sure	9/18/2014 10:39 PM
21	I am not sure since we do not need this accessibility.	9/18/2014 9:23 PM
22	Really don't know	9/18/2014 8:23 PM
23	I am not familiar with the ADA regulations.	9/18/2014 7:38 PM
24	Some areas ok. Others not	9/18/2014 7:36 PM
25	I don't have any way to gauge this	9/18/2014 6:59 PM
26	no opinion	9/18/2014 6:36 PM

Q23 If you do not use any of the parks, which of the following is the PRIMARY reason impacting your decision?

Answered: 437 Skipped: 160



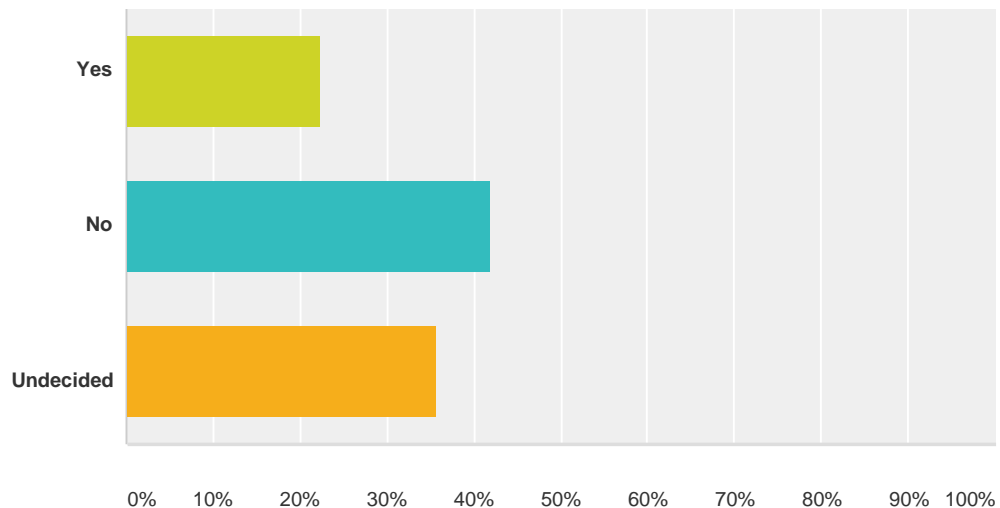
Answer Choices	Responses
I use and enjoy the parks	57.21% 250
Locations are not convenient	1.83% 8
Desired facilities are not ADA Accessible	0.69% 3
Not interested in using the parks	1.37% 6
Desired facilities are not available	0.46% 2
Concerned with safety	0.46% 2
I use the Midland County Parks	37.99% 166
Total	437

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Why not?	10/27/2014 4:35 PM
2	Location of Chippewasee dog park is not convenient for me.	10/4/2014 10:48 AM
3	There has been recent dog incidents (especially pit bulls). 1% of the people are the problem	10/2/2014 1:42 PM
4	I play disc golf until grass gets to deep as its to hard to find your disc	9/30/2014 8:02 PM

5	I use Sanford Lake Park disc golf course as well, but the day pass being \$10.00 is too steep for an 18 hole course, that would be a worthy price for 2 18 holes courses, or if you could stretch out the current course with an additional 6 or 9 holes, as 24 and 27 hole courses are common as well, this could make it worth the cost as well. I understand that the park has many other activities, and the cost covers all of these, but I am simply not interested in anything other than disc golfing. Just something to consider.	9/30/2014 3:57 PM
6	Lack of lighting to use the parks in the winter after work.	9/30/2014 12:23 PM
7	Need to have some parks on the West end of the city...nothing anywhere near Dublin road. There is plenty of land around Dublin road to build parks. A huge amount of land on the NorthWest corner of Dublin and Saginaw roads. People living on the West end of town pay just as much in taxes (actually more) as those on the East end. The property at Dublin and Saginaw or close to there should be purchased for a park.	9/29/2014 10:35 PM
8	I am not a resident of Midland County. I come down to play Adult Softball. I also at various time go down to the Farmer's Market area and walk the trails.	9/23/2014 6:47 AM
9	My grandchildren love parks, we picnic and play	9/21/2014 10:14 AM
10	Time to use the parks and events are not always advertised well to know they are coming before they happen, I usually hear about them after they happen.	9/20/2014 8:39 AM
11	But think they should be repaired when out of working condition - Emerson	9/19/2014 6:41 PM
12	Busy, kids are older	9/19/2014 2:24 PM
13	I guess mostly due to schedules/ inconvenient times vs. other things I have to do. Generally, it's just not in my mind to think about it.	9/19/2014 12:49 PM
14	(Do not use those that don't have play equipment, even though some are nearby -- Russel park, in particular)	9/19/2014 10:36 AM
15	Only use BMX park live in another city	9/19/2014 9:41 AM
16	I use some of the parks because of lack of options, not because I enjoy those facilities.	9/19/2014 7:40 AM
17	I am a realtor and get many comments on how nice our parks are and how much they are appreciated!	9/18/2014 9:24 PM
18	Sensitive skin... too hot... not much of an outdoors person, but my kids love the parks	9/18/2014 9:22 PM
19	Emerson park use to be the place to go every night of the week. The place is empty now adays	9/18/2014 8:32 PM
20	I also use Midland County Parks, Sanford Lake specifically	9/18/2014 7:22 PM

**Q24 Is there a need to acquire additional public green space and recreation areas?
(In the comment box below, please share how you would utilize the additional green space)**

Answered: 476 Skipped: 121



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	22.27% 106
No	42.02% 200
Undecided	35.71% 170
Total	476

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I am concerned we may not be preserving enough, any parkland, green spaces in the northern areas of the City. It doesn't seem so much needed now with some woods/farmfields still around. But these areas are falling fast to development. I hope the City will consider this carefully and be looking for areas it would be good to leave natural and as parkland.	10/27/2014 4:42 PM
2	Fenced wooded area for dog walking.	10/15/2014 3:48 PM
3	More disc golf!	10/6/2014 4:13 PM
4	I think it would be nice to improve Chippawasee Dog Park or enhance the City Forest or Stratford to contain Dog Parks	10/6/2014 8:28 AM
5	Chippewa Banks Disc needs another 18 hole Disc Golf course. It's getting too crowded with people everyday. Definitely a tough course but if we could utilize the river or make some water hazards for new course. Then Midland could draw in bigger tournaments to draw in & boost local businesses in the area.	10/4/2014 12:25 PM
6	As dogs have become family members, more people and walking them and letting them run off-leash. More fenced areas would be used.	10/4/2014 10:50 AM
7	it should be considered in the newer growth areas. the established city parks are sufficient and may be underutilized	10/3/2014 8:22 PM
8	disc golf and walking	10/3/2014 8:25 AM

9	No I feel there in enough areas, they are just a little under utilized.	10/1/2014 1:55 PM
10	more walkable and bikeable changes to the Midland roads.	10/1/2014 9:58 AM
11	There is plenty of green space, Midland has an abundance of parks.	10/1/2014 9:12 AM
12	Make more dog safety, as fencing,	9/30/2014 8:31 PM
13	River frontage	9/30/2014 8:26 PM
14	Another Disc Golf course :)	9/30/2014 8:04 PM
15	another disc golf course	9/30/2014 5:27 PM
16	More Disc Golf Courses	9/30/2014 5:20 PM
17	A new disc golf course in a gated area	9/30/2014 4:08 PM
18	my suspicion is that you do not have enough property at the tridge park for another course, using property at the city forest would be good if the acreage is adequate, otherwise another green space would be appropriate for another course, I would pay particular attention to a mix of forest and open field, any use of water or elevation changes to the land is exceptional in the disc golf world. thanks	9/30/2014 3:59 PM
19	Another place to play disc golf would be awesome	9/30/2014 3:35 PM
20	Disc golf course. It would help with the major traffic that happens with Chippewa banks	9/30/2014 1:29 PM
21	additional footpaths further down chip river would be excellent, possibly connect up to nature center eventually.	9/30/2014 12:45 PM
22	Provide walking trails. Attempt to curb development around the City. Provide a greenbelt area similar to what Ann Arbor is striving to do.	9/30/2014 12:24 PM
23	I think that we have some beautiful natural areas within the city that need to be preserved as natural areas.	9/30/2014 11:58 AM
24	More SAFE bike paths! (not on roads..)	9/29/2014 11:50 PM
25	Yes! A huge need on the West end of the city. Not much at all West of Eastman road especially once you get towards Dublin. The city should purchase land at a number of locations around Dublin ave...including the NorthWest corner of Dublin and Saginaw to make parks that are within walking distance for residents on this side of Midland. Enough land there for playgrounds and open fields and then some. There are still open lots in a number of the neighborhoods that should be bought and used for smaller parks like there are on the East side of town. There are lots on Oak Hollow Ct, StoneRidge, Trailridge, PowderHorn Trail, Stonemill Ct and Woodduck way just to name a few. There are no parks anywhere near the area of these neighborhoods.	9/29/2014 10:41 PM
26	I have lived here about 6 months one of the things I found crazy is the amount of parks you have. Midland does a good job what what they have. Put resources in clearing city residential streets in the winter. They are awful.	9/27/2014 10:06 AM
27	Keep as much of the additional land that is acquired in a wooded, natural state.	9/26/2014 10:47 PM
28	Just enjoy.	9/26/2014 7:36 PM
29	more new places to walk the dog that are fenced	9/24/2014 4:56 PM
30	There needs to be a couple of extra large parks for small kids with lots of playground equipment - Plymouth park is so crowded in the summer that it almost feels unsafe. Another park like that (in terms of play equipment), perhaps on the west or north side, would be very helpful.	9/24/2014 3:39 PM
31	It would be nice to connect the paved trails around town so people could stroll or ride through town and neighborhoods with minimal time on roads. Possibly a trail following Sturgeon Creek.	9/24/2014 10:30 AM
32	Keep improving what we have	9/24/2014 9:07 AM
33	Would like to see an additional dog park that is fully fenced and secure at the other end of town from the one that exists.	9/23/2014 2:48 PM
34	Midland needs more bike trails going INTO town from the outskirts - there aren't even sidewalks...and more natural undeveloped areas	9/23/2014 10:29 AM
35	All of our parks is something that makes Midland special. It impacts people's choices of where to buy a house and it gives kids and adults a place to be outdoors.	9/23/2014 7:58 AM
36	Need neighborhood green space like used to be standard in new developments	9/23/2014 7:44 AM

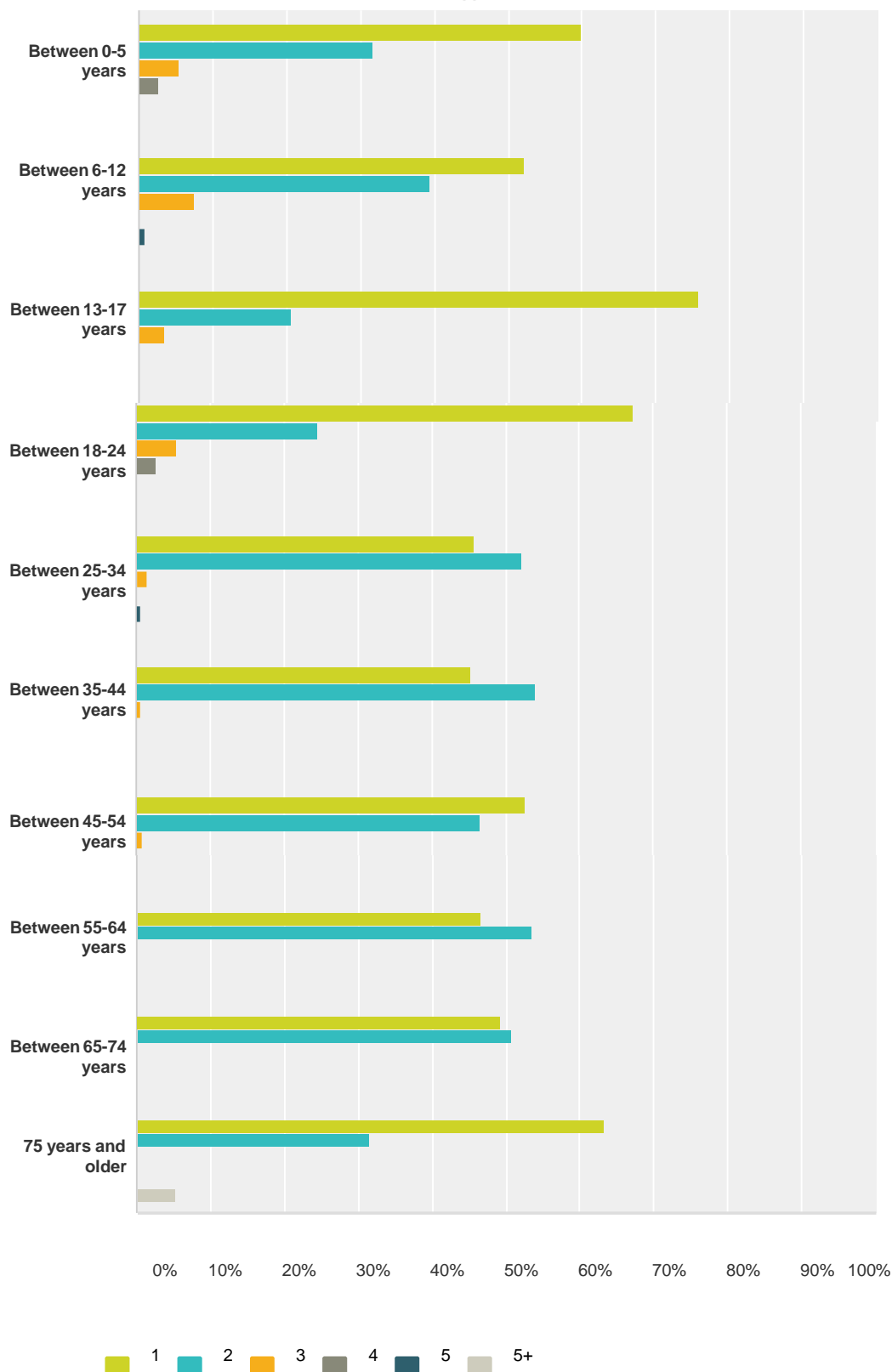
37	More spaces like City Forest	9/22/2014 11:47 PM
38	Indoor Olympic size pool for swim meets and lap swim opportunities	9/22/2014 10:31 PM
39	Midland has an adequate number of parks for the population!	9/22/2014 10:06 PM
40	Natural area	9/22/2014 9:39 PM
41	I am undecided if we need more.. But I do hold the opinion we as a community, or as a world, need to be careful of letting our wild areas be bulldozed for more old folks homes and apartments. I understand business and progress is going to happen, but I guess that means we at least need to protect and maintain the green spaces and recreation areas we do have as the opportunity to find more diminishes every year that goes by.	9/22/2014 9:32 PM
42	Pathways throughout midland and midland county for biking and running	9/22/2014 9:17 PM
43	More unpaved running trails, more small dog parks around the city	9/22/2014 9:12 PM
44	Connect rail trail to saginaw and bay city	9/22/2014 9:08 PM
45	Exercise park would be great	9/22/2014 8:34 PM
46	I would like to see additional use of green space near the river front	9/22/2014 8:31 PM
47	Space for the Midland to Bay multi-use pathway	9/22/2014 7:56 PM
48	Do better with what you have	9/22/2014 7:44 PM
49	basketball courts better distributed across the city	9/22/2014 7:17 PM
50	Bicycle paths	9/22/2014 5:02 PM
51	Put the Circle back into a real circle/roundabout - we were cool before it was in to have them! - and use the center as green space. It was fabulous that way in the past.	9/22/2014 3:50 PM
52	Flying kites, picnic activities, bocce ball, etc...	9/22/2014 2:42 PM
53	Another spray park or community pool	9/22/2014 2:34 PM
54	More toddler friendly parks.	9/22/2014 2:28 PM
55	well, i dont want to give up any that we already have. please, keep midland green!	9/22/2014 1:23 PM
56	Would like to see the plans for the bike trail around Midland to be completed. Having a full loop/circle around the city would make it even more useful.	9/22/2014 12:45 PM
57	There is nothing in the north west part of town.	9/22/2014 12:34 PM
58	what happened to the system of pocket parks being required of the developers of housing units and subdivisions??	9/22/2014 8:03 AM
59	Walking trails, biking (paved) trails.	9/22/2014 7:40 AM
60	Multi - use trails for all paying users, NOT just for the freeloading non-motorized crowd. "Real Friends of our trails and pathways pay their way, Non-motorized friends and groups say NO WAY "	9/22/2014 12:50 AM
61	more fishing places	9/21/2014 7:55 PM
62	Just read an article on adult playgrounds... it would be nice to see more community connectivity happening at parks.	9/21/2014 6:51 PM
63	See 20.	9/21/2014 3:50 PM
64	See idea for canoe trail on Sturgeon Creek	9/21/2014 3:31 PM
65	There can never be too many parks.	9/21/2014 1:50 PM
66	More naturalized areas for walking would be great	9/21/2014 11:24 AM
67	open areas are always important for a quality parks program	9/21/2014 6:06 AM
68	Use vacant lots in the city that is overgrown to some public gardening or something along those lines.	9/20/2014 7:39 PM
69	I think we have plenty and it would be best to use the money to keep them as nice as they are now or add facilities to them.	9/20/2014 7:09 PM

70	Need for dogs to be able to run without worrying they will get out of open areas in fence.	9/20/2014 5:18 PM
71	I would like to see another double gated, fenced dog park like Chippewasee, or see that one moved, perhaps to the City Forest or Stratford or even the west side of Plymouth Park.	9/20/2014 1:06 PM
72	More nature hiking trails, centers, Dog friendly parks.	9/20/2014 10:18 AM
73	would like a bike path from East Patrick to Stratford Woods park	9/20/2014 9:36 AM
74	There needs to be a teen friendly area that they can hang out with friends and be safe. Something that has activities for them to do and not be bored. An area patrolled with respectful cops understanding they want to be kids and need some place to hang out with friends to stay out of trouble.	9/20/2014 8:42 AM
75	No new green space but use the spaces in additional ways. There is no winter sports centrally located ie public ice skating, sledding, cross country skiing. Not everyone lives on the north side of town.	9/20/2014 12:38 AM
76	The west side of town does not have a playground other than cook school.	9/19/2014 9:43 PM
77	Always	9/19/2014 8:46 PM
78	Roads! focus on infrastructure!	9/19/2014 6:22 PM
79	Continue to be on the look out for opportunities to create green space and recreation areas but we have a wonderful supply of such areas already.	9/19/2014 5:15 PM
80	Picnics. Naps. Reading/quiet time. Frisbee.	9/19/2014 5:05 PM
81	more natural areas. restored landscape with trails both bike and hike, more pedestrian access within 10 minutes of every resident	9/19/2014 4:24 PM
82	We have plenty of parks. Let's focus efforts on maintaining & making them even better rather than acquiring new property.	9/19/2014 3:53 PM
83	city parks that represent Michigan native habitat. More access to our local waterways.	9/19/2014 3:47 PM
84	Our community is continuing to grow. One of our outstanding features are the neighborhood parks throughout our city. New subdivisions are being developed without these parks which I really feel is a shame.	9/19/2014 3:41 PM
85	I am not sure.	9/19/2014 12:50 PM
86	Midland has many parks that are unappreciated and under-utilized by the public. I'm not sure that having more parks would change that fact.	9/19/2014 10:59 AM
87	Improve the ones that are already there with more amenities	9/19/2014 10:46 AM
88	There are a lot of parks that are just fields, which is great especially I'd you want to fly a kite. But maybe adding grills, tables, sporting fields, more community gardens would be nice. A garden in the parks that are surrounded by houses would be great.	9/19/2014 10:29 AM
89	The City needs to save their monies and stop mowing and using chemicals in some areas that could be dedicated to natural wildflowers and allow a natural setting for birds, butterflies and the beauty these flowers would bring. If you would like more information, please contact me at TagginAudrey@aol.com. Thank you!!	9/19/2014 8:42 AM
90	City Forest is a wonderful resource, but it is becoming overused. Fitness walkers, dog walkers, mountain, bikers, runners, and horseback riders are all sharing the same heavily used trails. There are also frequent organized events, such as heavily attended races, which utilize a large portion of the park, effectively making it inaccessible to the general public.	9/19/2014 8:12 AM
91	Not with the current staff members in charge of running it.	9/19/2014 7:41 AM
92	Hiking and running	9/19/2014 6:19 AM
93	more green space in newly developed areas of the city	9/19/2014 5:00 AM
94	Just use some of the areas we have better	9/19/2014 4:54 AM
95	Golfing practice area.	9/18/2014 11:44 PM
96	Depends! I would rather have some green spaces than run down houses that aren't being used or old parking lots that aren't being maintained. Would rather see them as sitting areas perhaps some water features and flowers	9/18/2014 10:36 PM

97	Midland's parks are beautiful as is--keep maintaining and improving them instead of expanding.	9/18/2014 10:01 PM
98	I would like to see our city/companies be more attentive to preserving our dark skies so we can observe the night sky. "Half the park is after dark." I would love to see us have some star parties and educate the public about the unnecessary amount of lighting after dark and how it affects our ability to see the night sky due to light pollution. It would also save \$!! I have lots of facts/figures from other cities that are turning down the lights without compromising safety and saving lots of money in the process.	9/18/2014 9:38 PM
99	We live in the Circle area where there are many small neighborhood parks. These are wonderful additions to our quality of life. I would hope that, as our city grows, other such green spaces are planned in new neighborhoods.	9/18/2014 9:27 PM
100	Walking and just enjoying nature.	9/18/2014 8:53 PM
101	Meets our needs	9/18/2014 8:24 PM
102	Cheaper youth sports.	9/18/2014 8:14 PM
103	Don't know about more. Just more facilities at the ones we have. Invest the money in more picnic tables and play equipment.	9/18/2014 7:38 PM
104	When in Milwaukee WI while walking through the downtown area my family was surprised to see a Lacrosse team practice. It was just a cool atmosphere of fun, excitement, and energy.	9/18/2014 7:27 PM
105	Need to acquire more land like City Forest for undisturbed wild areas.	9/18/2014 6:55 PM
106	Downtown development-more options downtown	9/18/2014 6:42 PM
107	if the existing parks will be kept up	9/18/2014 6:03 PM
108	Frisbee lounging relaxing	9/18/2014 5:21 PM

Q25 How many persons are in your household within the following age groups?

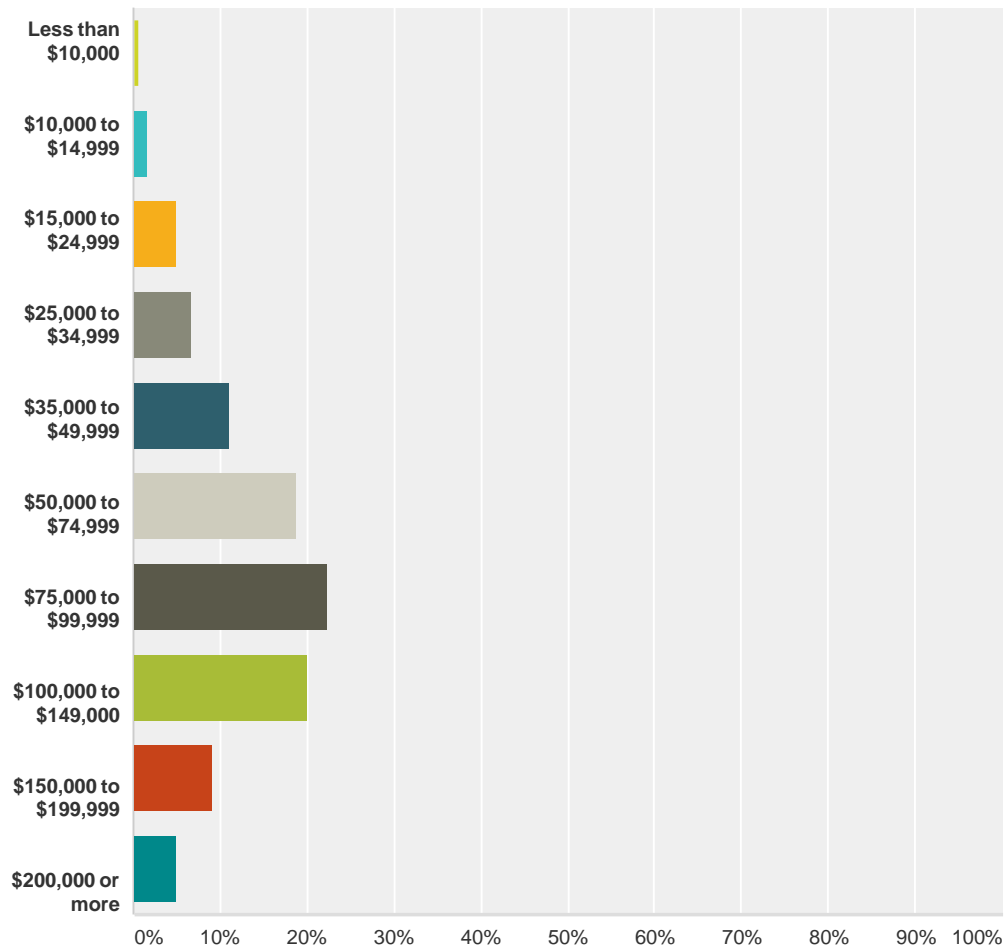
Answered: 493 Skipped: 104



	1	2	3	4	5	5+	Total
Between 0-5 years	60.00% 66	31.82% 35	5.45% 6	2.73% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	110
Between 6-12 years	52.24% 70	39.55% 53	7.46% 10	0.00% 0	0.75% 1	0.00% 0	134
Between 13-17 years	75.86% 66	20.69% 18	3.45% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	87
Between 18-24 years	67.12% 49	24.66% 18	5.48% 4	2.74% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	73
Between 25-34 years	45.71% 64	52.14% 73	1.43% 2	0.00% 0	0.71% 1	0.00% 0	140
Between 35-44 years	45.21% 66	54.11% 79	0.68% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	146
Between 45-54 years	52.67% 69	46.56% 61	0.76% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	131
Between 55-64 years	46.55% 54	53.45% 62	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	116
Between 65-74 years	49.25% 33	50.75% 34	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	67
75 years and older	63.16% 12	31.58% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.26% 1	19

Q26 What is your household income?

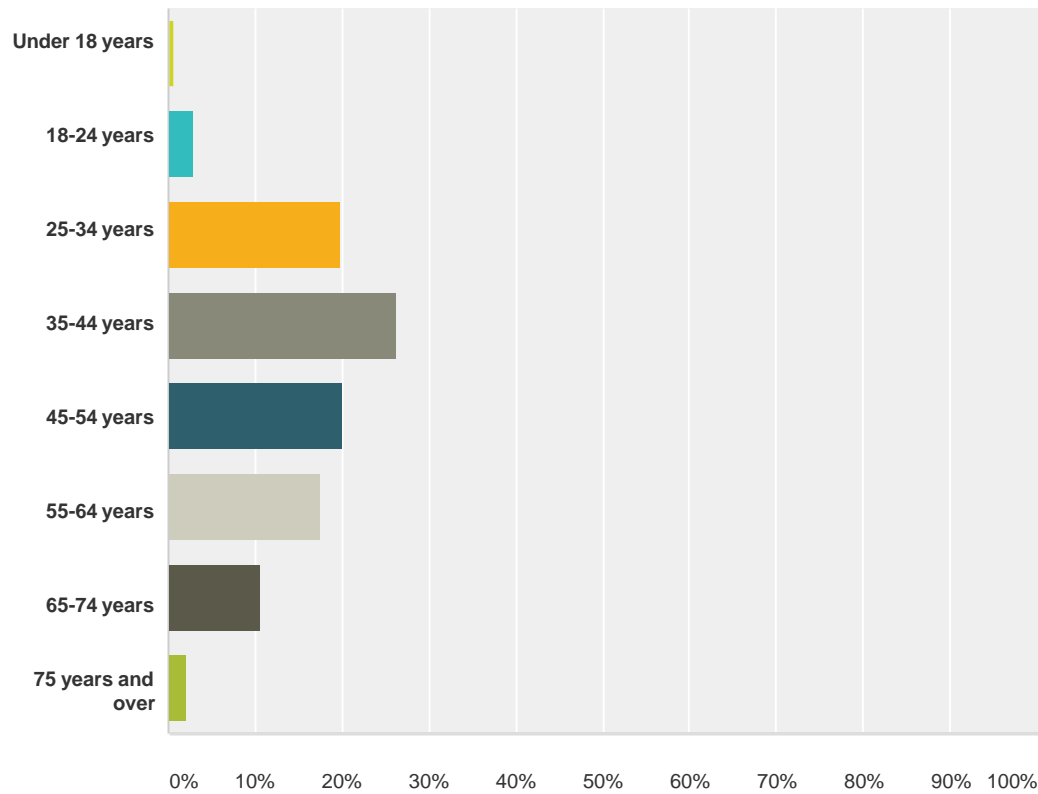
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than \$10,000	0.67% 3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1.57% 7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4.93% 22
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.73% 30
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10.99% 49
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.83% 84
\$75,000 to \$99,999	22.42% 100
\$100,000 to \$149,000	19.96% 89
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9.19% 41
\$200,000 or more	4.93% 22
Total Respondents: 446	

Q27 What is your age?

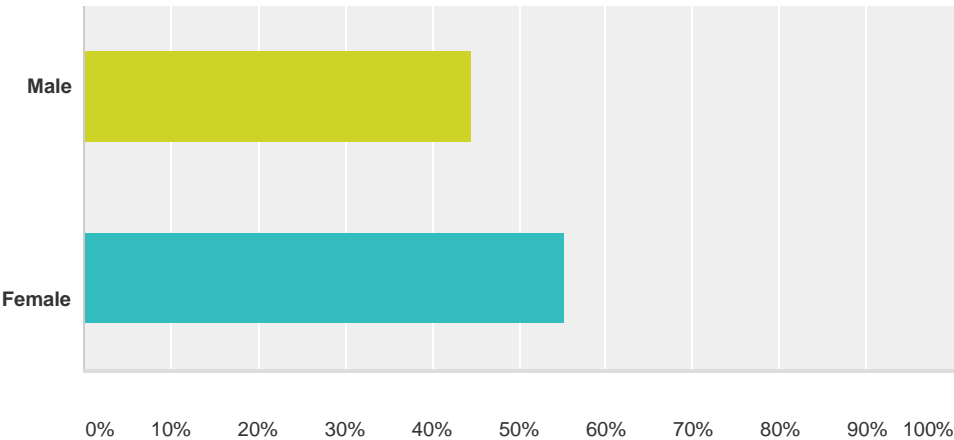
Answered: 483 Skipped: 114



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18 years	0.62%3
18-24 years	2.90%14
25-34 years	19.88%96
35-44 years	26.29%127
45-54 years	20.08%97
55-64 years	17.60%85
65-74 years	10.56%51
75 years and over	2.07%10
Total	483

Q28 What is your gender?

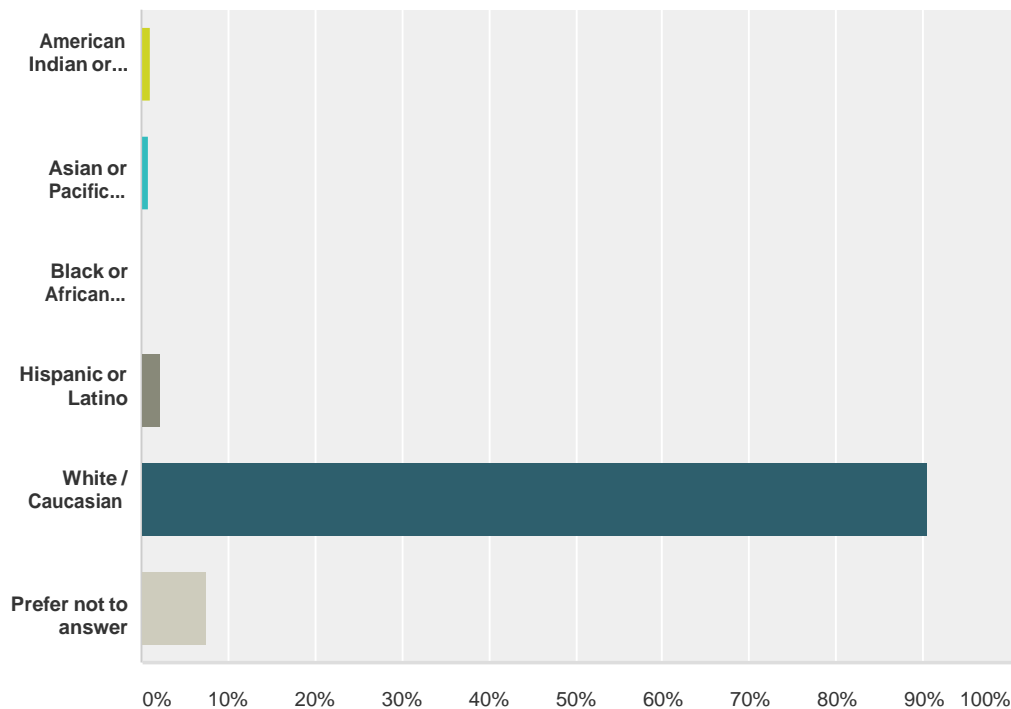
Answered: 486 Skipped: 111



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	44.65%	217
Female	55.35%	269
Total		486

Q29 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 484 Skipped: 113



Answer Choices	Responses
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.03% 5
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.83% 4
Black or African American	0.21% 1
Hispanic or Latino	2.27% 11
White / Caucasian	90.70% 439
Prefer not to answer	7.44% 36
Total Respondents: 484	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Human	10/1/2014 1:24 PM
2	Multi racial household.	9/30/2014 6:48 PM
3	I am an American, born and raised. I am white, with brothers and sisters of many colors. Of whom I wish could all understand each other better.	9/22/2014 9:35 PM
4	Born in the U.S.A.	9/22/2014 12:53 AM
5	you do not need to know ny ethnicity!!!!	9/19/2014 6:46 PM
6	Love Machine	9/19/2014 1:43 PM

Q30 Do you have any additional comments that you would like to offer?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 432

#	Responses	Date
1	I don't believe a park has to be used for sports or as a playground to be valuable, if it's not used much or at all. It is still invaluable as a green spot, a natural area. I think probably some of our parks are viewed most often from the car window - we just zip past them - and maybe that's ok. It's being proven how health giving the natural world is for us - not only if we're out playing a game in it, but just to be seeing it or smelling or hearing its sounds. I know this thinking comes hard for developers, and for a city that of course wants money from its properties and usefulness still, it needs to be considered; maybe Midland could lead the way into the country towards making it one of the most natural; green (as in nature) zone; cities around - why not, we are already unique in many ways and for many things. I'm not complaining - Midland does a great job with its trees, landscaping, etc. and I'm proud to live here (61 yrs). Any small things done for our parks - a few trees - natural areas encouraged, a pathway, will be great additions! Shiela Dickson	10/27/2014 4:47 PM
2	We maintained Meadowpark for 63 years Parks & Recreation no help. When a tree fell in the neighbors yard on park property 3 men looked at it and smoked cigarettes and left. They said they would talk to a supervisor. I called and a supervisor came out, smiled, waved and left. I ended up paying to have it removed from my neighbors yard. Don't talk to me about City efficiency! I'm really upset - would like a director to come and to talk to.	10/27/2014 4:40 PM
3	Midland is a great city. City employees are always helpful and pleasant.	10/27/2014 4:36 PM
4	Thank you for letting us participate.	10/15/2014 3:50 PM
5	I greatly appreciate the parks! The only thing I'd really love to see changed is the signage on the trails at City Forest. Although there are more signs than in the past, it is often difficult to tell exactly which part of the trail they relate to, and not easy to know the distance to the next point. Named and/or color coded trails with a guide detailing their distance would greatly help in planning an outing. A cell phone app with that info might be nice too, although I'm fine with a good old fashioned trail map if it's easy to follow!	10/13/2014 1:08 PM
6	I would like to see Barstow Woods become an official dog park. It would be nice if it were completely fenced and water was made available inside the fence area. Also, new mulch on the paths would be nice.	10/12/2014 3:18 PM
7	I would like to see more ADA accessible parks and ESPECIALLY more doggie parks! If my husband is unable to walk our dog, he still enjoys going to a doggie park to see them!	10/11/2014 1:10 AM
8	It would be nice if Barstow Woods had a drinking fountain for filling dog's water bowls. Also the port-a-john located next to the pickleball courts at Central tennis park is too close and sometimes the smell is nauseating. Also there are cracks on the courts.	10/9/2014 12:05 PM
9	The softball fields bring in a LOT of income yet are not maintained at all. This needs to be addressed immediately! Something small would be a great start... like watering the fields before games.	10/8/2014 3:44 PM
10	suggest that there be a review of city rec services by OT and RT through the lens of seniors needs for recreation activities. Midland is getting older and this type of planning needs to be in the mix.	10/7/2014 12:57 PM
11	The driveway into Barstow Woods is so narrow it is dangerous to turn in there when you are coming south on Saginaw and someone is coming out of the parking lot. It is a wonder there hasn't been someone rear-ended there. The cars take off quickly from the light at St. Andrews and Saginaw and don't expect someone to be going slowly to turn into Barstow Woods.	10/4/2014 5:26 PM
12	Disc golf is a great sport to be involved with if we had a 2nd 18 hole course, I think it would boost small businesses in the area like softball or soccer. The current course we have now is great but with the great popularity of the sport our Midland course is getting crowded with more & more people. Which is great for the sport but hard on the course with so much traffic. A second course would definitely help the crowding issue & hopefully spark up new business for Midland.	10/4/2014 12:35 PM
13	Have you ever counted how many cars go in the Barstow Woods Saginaw Road parking lot to see how heavily that park is used? At times, no one is there, but in the late afternoon there is no place to park, there are so many people and dogs there.	10/4/2014 11:31 AM

14	I would like to see more walking paths and separate bike lanes for people who bike regularly instead of having to share lanes with vehicles.	10/3/2014 11:52 AM
15	Chippewa Banks disc golf course is one of five courses within 30 miles of my home. The course could be the best and as it stands, is equal to most. I promote and enjoy disc golf whenever and where ever I can. The Midland course can see as many as 400 players on a good summer day. I KNOW that it is time to take disc golf into the future by making courses Pay To Play, therefore generating the funds that will maintain and improve the course offerings (toilets , benches, trash cans, etc). A fee of \$2.00 per day or a fee of \$50.00 per year could generate enough funds to actually have an attendant on duty. Hudson Mills Metro Park and supply some valuable info on the results of charging for disc golf.	10/3/2014 8:30 AM
16	A little more attention to doggie bags and collection would be preferred	10/2/2014 1:43 PM
17	Appreciated response to light maintenance on city forest trails last winter and trail grooming for cross country skiing	10/1/2014 10:09 PM
18	Recognize Barstow Woods as a dog park. Consider designating an area at Stratford Woods as a dog park. Both are preferable to the Dog Park at Chippewassee Park.	10/1/2014 5:45 PM
19	A stronger police presence is required at many parks, especially Grove, and Plymouth.	10/1/2014 5:28 PM
20	I would like another disc golf course in Midland!	10/1/2014 2:59 PM
21	My children love Midland parks!	10/1/2014 1:56 PM
22	Midland has a lot of nice parks and recreational options. It would be nice to see the completion of the trail that stops out on Patrick, to see it connect to the mall area, and to Auburn/Bay City. I would like to see more paved trails and areas to bike that are separate from the city streets. Better lighting on sidewalks would also be nice, sometimes running at night is difficult because cracks/holes are hard to see. Pet waste bags and garbage bins along the Patrick Rd trail would be nice too.	10/1/2014 9:16 AM
23	We all know that a disc golf course takes up a lot of space. However the sport is growing and a quality course would attract people to the city and to the parks (much like Chippewa Banks already does!)	10/1/2014 12:20 AM
24	Sometimes dogs get into mud at Barstow Woods. It would be nice to rinse them off before getting back in ones car.--or drinking water.	9/30/2014 8:37 PM
25	All park shelters need electrical service and lighting.	9/30/2014 8:28 PM
26	Midland Parks are generally very nice but for some reason Disc Golf seems to be a low priority Would love to see continued improvement at Chippewa Banks and better maintenance thank you	9/30/2014 8:10 PM
27	Laurelpark used to have some really cool climbing apparatus, but those were taken out unfortunately. We have noticed a lot more use in Lowell Park over the last two years, though. Thanks for asking for our input.	9/30/2014 6:49 PM
28	including a map with this survey would have been helpful	9/30/2014 6:29 PM
29	Thanks for all the nice parks! I have a grandson, 16 months, who will start using them soon.	9/30/2014 5:17 PM
30	Thank you for putting a big slide back in Greenfield Park.	9/30/2014 3:43 PM
31	Another disc golf course would be greatly appreciated	9/30/2014 3:36 PM
32	Please more disc golf	9/30/2014 2:27 PM
33	Too many young adults dealing drugs in the cemetery & small neighborhood parks, making them feel unsafe to visit.	9/30/2014 1:02 PM
34	expansion of the disc park around the redcoat complex and diamonds would be really nice too. thanks.	9/30/2014 12:47 PM
35	Maintenance and condition of golf course, primarily Currie East, continues to be disappointing. This used to be a perfect Municipal course and has suffered greatly in the past few years. Raising ice fees at the Civic Arena is not the answer to its money woes. It will likely lead to a further reduction in usage.	9/30/2014 12:26 PM
36	The residents of Midland are very fortunate to have such wonderful facilities that are well maintained.	9/30/2014 12:00 PM
37	I know its an expense but paving the parking lots at the Midland Dog Park and at Barstow Woods would be fabulous.	9/30/2014 8:26 AM
38	I love the parks here, just fixing that bridge in the city forest and having more security there (I feel unsafe at dusk, and lots of teens hang out there at night with bonfires..!)	9/29/2014 11:51 PM

39	We need a large park in the Dublin/Saginaw road area (right on the NorthWest corner) and then a number of smaller neighborhood parks in the surrounding neighborhoods...plenty of open lots still in the areas within a 1 to 1.5 mile radius of Saginaw and Dublin roads.	9/29/2014 10:44 PM
40	the picnic area by the fun zone has a parking lot that could be improved by fixing the lamp on the pole by the lot. it has been broken for years.	9/29/2014 4:53 PM
41	The pickleball courts near the community center are in need of repair	9/29/2014 9:25 AM
42	I think the cracks in the Central Park pickleball courts need to be addressed for safety of the players. I do wish to thank the city for cleaning the courts this year.	9/29/2014 7:08 AM
43	I believe that that current softball fields need to be maintained better. The P&R department needs to be given more hours and money for the field crews to be staffed properly. So they can work on the fields, clean the area, fix the lights, etc. Also so we can bring back tournaments to the area. It is a shame that Midland has gotten away from bringing tournaments and teams to visit and enjoy our city.	9/27/2014 11:52 PM
44	Absolutely love the new lines on the Pickleball courts. Thanks to Woody @ Tennis Center and John Muste for working with Woody.	9/27/2014 10:38 PM
45	no more parks you have more then enough for anyone that wants to use them.	9/27/2014 10:08 AM
46	More mountain bike singletrack!	9/26/2014 10:48 PM
47	Would like to see more picnic tables at Chippewassee Park for when the pavilion is rented out.	9/26/2014 2:17 PM
48	i think the ice skating rinks in the winter are very nice. my older children come into town and look forward to ice skating over the holidays. i haven't used the parks as much as i could. i did participate in beautification of plymouth park when i was a member of evergreen garden club. i also have nominated homes for the beautification committee over the years since i am a master gardener.	9/25/2014 11:18 AM
49	repave central park courts, completely fence in barstow, put lights in barstow parking lot, put water at barstow so we can give the dogs a drink and wash them off	9/24/2014 4:59 PM
50	no	9/24/2014 3:26 PM
51	none	9/24/2014 11:37 AM
52	Spend some time on neighborhood parks and encourage neighborhood picnics and activities. Flooding some parks in the winter would bring people to the parks for skating.	9/24/2014 10:34 AM
53	when I was a kid in Midland (1980s), there used to be school playground activities in the summer with games, trips to the local pools and more. what happened to those?	9/23/2014 8:15 PM
54	I have been active my entire life. I appreciate the parks. But---there are too many to support financially	9/23/2014 10:35 AM
55	We should be encouraging healthy non-motorized recreational exercise.	9/23/2014 10:31 AM
56	Please continue to remove buckthorn along the river in Emerson Park. One can hardly see the water. Also, please consider snow removal on the river loop trail in Emerson Park. It's quite beautiful in winter but ice and snow make it dangerous to view the river. Thank you.	9/23/2014 6:58 AM
57	Great work thanks	9/23/2014 12:15 AM
58	Concerned about broken glass at Longview Splash Park.	9/22/2014 10:24 PM
59	I would really like to see a little more enforcement of the policies in park spaces, especially in City Forest. It doesn't seem like everyone appreciates the importance of picking up after their pets and keeping control of their dogs.	9/22/2014 8:40 PM
60	The Parks & Rec organization does an excellent job given the budget constraints	9/22/2014 7:57 PM
61	Clean up Stratford woods. It is dirty and unsafe.	9/22/2014 7:44 PM
62	Improve pickleball court surfaces.	9/22/2014 7:35 PM
63	1. Appreciated cleaning of pickle ball courts this Spring/Summer. 2. Courts contain numerous cracks that need repair.	9/22/2014 7:25 PM
64	I have enjoyed playing pickle-ball this year and am happy that the courts behind King Daughters are kept in good condition.	9/22/2014 6:30 PM

65	Pickelball is one of the fastest growing activities in the USA.	9/22/2014 6:22 PM
66	really enjoyed using the pickleball courts this summer. great to see midland picking up this great sport. needs some updating to courts because of cracks	9/22/2014 6:03 PM
67	income does not reflect investments in our retirement.	9/22/2014 5:04 PM
68	My neighborhood park is Burlington, and the Wild Pine Side has tons of buckthorn that should be removed this fall.	9/22/2014 3:02 PM
69	I think midland could do a better job of posting links to activities such as running events. They advertise the chili cook off but I had to search for the titabawassee trot (5k, 10k race) for after the cook off. With cooler weather coming up parks and rec should team up with midland happenings and share activities to keep midland off the couch. Turkey run perhaps? ??	9/22/2014 2:46 PM
70	you do good work. please, keep it up!	9/22/2014 1:24 PM
71	Midland has excellent facilities and I'm very thankful for what we do have today. The rail trail specifically is something that I know other communities envy and I appreciate greatly. It's been one of the main attractions we've utilized since moving here a few years ago.	9/22/2014 12:48 PM
72	Please add some play equipment to Lincoln Park	9/22/2014 12:03 PM
73	We miss Central Park Pool :/	9/22/2014 11:15 AM
74	Midland parks, the tridge area, the bike trails and opportunities for enjoying the outdoors are incredible! It is such a great place to live! My thanks to all who keep this city so beautiful!	9/22/2014 8:08 AM
75	I love the Midland City Parks and activities and the staff are helpful and cooperative.	9/22/2014 7:55 AM
76	would be great to connect the Rail Trail in Clare to one up farther north to eventually be able to get to Traverse City!	9/22/2014 7:41 AM
77	Adult Rec. fee's need to be looked at hard and put forth. Like the school systems you have to pay to play ! Keep rates as low as possible for the under 21 year old people. Adult rates need to go up! Dog park fee for safety of all. Find a way NOW to close Currie golf course. It will never be in the black on it's own, public golf courses should never be in conflict with private courses. Golf is on decline, how many courses close per month in the USA public and private? The facts are clear , stop spending good money after bad.	9/22/2014 1:09 AM
78	I would like you to consider the cost the city charges for ice time at the civic arena. The increasing costs are hurting the figure skating program and this is a wonderful program for our community.	9/21/2014 7:47 PM
79	Would like to see more complete sport complex parks in the city with soccer, basketball, baseball, and playground equipment. Similar to Larkin township complex	9/21/2014 5:41 PM
80	the parks are a great asset to Midland :) Keep up the great work!	9/21/2014 4:25 PM
81	I love the adult kickball league, best thing in organized sports to happen in Midland. Marcie Post is excellent at her job!	9/21/2014 4:20 PM
82	I wish you would have asked the golfers of midland if they would rather have the east front course taken out before you (a non golfer) put in a driving range, the old one was a good driving range!	9/21/2014 4:03 PM
83	Now that Cook park is a community park, not a school, I would love to see 2 of the 10+ swings replaced by infant swings. There are many infants in the neighborhood that would use these and I've talked to many parents who agree! I emailed the parks and rec department months ago inquiring about how that might be accomplished and received no response.	9/21/2014 1:58 PM
84	I love the pickleball courts at Central Park! Those get a lot of use on weekday mornings in the summer!	9/21/2014 12:32 PM
85	Midland is a beautiful city to raise a family. We are natives and love it. So many things to do and see. The new Fun Zone is awesome! We appreciate the updated equipment you put into Griese Park. We have beautiful parks here. Thank you!	9/21/2014 10:19 AM
86	Midland has always had an outstanding Parks & Recreation program & I would like to see it stay that way. One of the best I've ever seen!!!	9/21/2014 6:08 AM
87	Thank you for doing such a wonderful job!	9/20/2014 7:10 PM
88	It would be nice to have a picnic table at Maryland Park :)	9/20/2014 7:03 PM

89	Barstow park needs all areas of fencing closed off so not have to worry about my dog getting out or on to somebody's property. Love this park and the friendliness of the people I meet there.	9/20/2014 5:19 PM
90	Thank you for maintaining the parks for us. My pooch and I appreciate having places he can run off lead. He is a well-behaved canine citizen, except to the squirrels, of course.	9/20/2014 1:10 PM
91	A place for families to go to that is all season would be nice. It would nice to be a place that is free and sheltered for families that cannot afford to do activities with their children, but want to be able to enjoy a day with their children with nature.	9/20/2014 8:45 AM
92	Dog park needs to be kept in good repair. Seems its the last thing to be fixed after a storm/flood. Would like to see skating return to Currie area. Need just open skating not like the hockey rink	9/20/2014 12:48 AM
93	None at this time.	9/20/2014 12:08 AM
94	The softball infields feel like concrete when sliding, need ti soften them up. And some outfields have holes, someone is going to break an ankle or leg. You can't see the holes most of the time cause the grass is too long.	9/19/2014 9:58 PM
95	Would like more kayak entry/exit ramps and more maintained locations in general for easier entry/exits.	9/19/2014 9:54 PM
96	People need to stop being so snotty and rude to people around them! Including those in city office!	9/19/2014 6:47 PM
97	We have nice parks. It would be finanically stressful to add more features. SOMeday the Foundations may choose not to bail out the City and tax payers are not in a position to assume this burden. Seniors on fixed incomes are already saddled with large tax bills.	9/19/2014 6:24 PM
98	I believe Midland Parks to be the best I have ever seen in any other area I've lived or visited. The noise factor is the only thing that bothers me, because it makes it harder to enjoy the peace and solitude of the park.	9/19/2014 4:42 PM
99	Need alternate enhancements for neighborhood parks. Suggestions on how to use pocket parks for different demographic groups.	9/19/2014 4:26 PM
100	I appreciate all the parks in Midland!!!	9/19/2014 4:17 PM
101	Impressed with the work of the Parks Department, keep it up!	9/19/2014 3:54 PM
102	It would be nice to have lights on at City Forest Sledding hill later than they are. It would also be nice to be able to bring your own food into the chalet rather than feel you need to eat in a cold car.	9/19/2014 3:53 PM
103	The city parks need to do more management to restore native vegetation and remove invasive species.	9/19/2014 3:48 PM
104	I feel very strongly about the fact that we have no plan for weed control in our parks.	9/19/2014 3:44 PM
105	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Personally, I feel the facilities in Midland are very thoughtful for the community and are very nicely maintained. I don't know that I have utilized a lot of it though unfortunately. Maybe I will look into this further for the future.	9/19/2014 12:51 PM
106	No	9/19/2014 12:49 PM
107	I am happy to live in a city with so many wonderful resources. Keep up the good work!	9/19/2014 12:18 PM
108	Improvements to the Chippewassee Park paved trail (which meets the Tridge) and the Golfside paved trail are gravely needed (very rough, uneven paths). Perhaps 2 trails coming down from the Tridge into the park would be good: 1 for pedestrians, 1 for bikes.	9/19/2014 12:16 PM
109	A public archery range would be a great addition. Converting just one of our many and often under utilized parks within midland would be much appreciated.	9/19/2014 12:15 PM
110	Keep up the great work!	9/19/2014 12:10 PM
111	Midland should look into cleaning/updating the disk golf course. It is used by many people every day but the amount of trash drives players away. If there were more garbage cans and the over growth of trees was cleaned up, the disk golf course would be a great place for families.	9/19/2014 11:59 AM

112	I am in City Forest almost EVERY day. I'm glad that special events like races, etc are held there, but there is often little consideration given to those who use the park every day by the organizers of those events. Just putting signs up about upcoming activities in the park at BOTH parking areas would be very helpful. Many, many of us who walk or ride daily at City Forest use the Eastman parking lot, yet there is seldom any notice put there about upcoming events which might affect our usage of the park. If I know there is a big running event, for example, I would avoid taking my dogs to the park during the event in order to avoid possible conflict with runners. When there is construction in the park for special events, some explanation to daily users would be good. There is an active group of bike riders and dog walkers who communicate with each other on Facebook - sharing information there would be one easy way to reach regular users. I really do appreciate the winter grooming work that is done at CF, since I go out there regardless of the weather. I would really like to see maintenance done on the main bridge at City Forest. Although warning signs are up and it was "taped off" for most of the last year, that does not keep people (and their dogs) from crossing the bridge to get from one part of the park to another.	9/19/2014 11:12 AM
113	Please consider adding even basic play structures to the neighborhood parks. Also -- something like this in one of the larger parks (City Forest? Plymouth?) would be welcome and a relatively uncommon/noteworthy feature -- http://www.stjohns.ca/media-release/bannerman-park-loop-opens-skaters https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6VwBp1ivU	9/19/2014 10:41 AM
114	Just that the skate park needs to be monitored better. Would be nice to let bmx bikers ride there also. But too many loser kids smoking/selling pot and getting into other trouble hang out there all summer long. I know it's a public park but something has to be done about the riff raff hanging out down there	9/19/2014 10:35 AM
115	You guys are doing great!	9/19/2014 10:30 AM
116	I think the new slides being installed at the parks are low quality. The slides are warping in the sun after a month and are not safe or fun for the children.	9/19/2014 10:28 AM
117	Some of the playground equipment gets very hot in the summer it would be nice if they all had some sort of cover to help block the sun	9/19/2014 10:16 AM
118	Keep up the good work.	9/19/2014 10:08 AM
119	Make softball fields age appropriate for tournaments use temporary fences if needed	9/19/2014 9:58 AM
120	Should build skate park and BMX park together so both can enjoy. BMX brings in a lot of kids and so does Skate Park, Kids need this excitement in their life. Both are wonderful sports.	9/19/2014 9:42 AM
121	I would like to see the parks ADA compliant and actually see that the skate park is opened up to Bmx bikes. Pro rider, Tony Hawk strongly believes that to make parks successful, you must include all avenues for people-the skate park is limited and shut off to Bmx riders it should be inclusive.	9/19/2014 9:27 AM
122	please put sidewalks up jefferson to the new neighborhoods past joe mann! also, please put sidewalks going down joe mann on the north side from wal mart to jefferson. joe mann is crazy dangerous to cross if you are on the south side.	9/19/2014 9:20 AM
123	I have been to Chipewassee Park several times this year. It's beautiful!	9/19/2014 9:15 AM
124	The softball leagues that were so prevalent in midland for so many years are greatly diminished. It's sad to see the huge decline in what was once a very thriving sport.	9/19/2014 9:13 AM
125	Softball fields having shaded areas for family and children when they come to watch the game. Maintain the fields, outfield is very uneven.	9/19/2014 9:04 AM
126	Great survey. I hope some of the suggestions are taken seriously!!	9/19/2014 8:44 AM
127	There seems to be a gap in activities/resources for middle-aged adults who no longer have young children at home.	9/19/2014 8:15 AM
128	Improved and more parking between the baseball/football areas and the little league fields south of Plymouth Park	9/19/2014 8:10 AM
129	Need to get the Emerson Park restrooms open. It has been two summers now. Major problem.	9/19/2014 7:54 AM
130	Facilities need to be maintained better, departments need to be managed better, leagues need to be more organized, and prices need to be lowered to increase participation!!!	9/19/2014 7:44 AM
131	Love the parks!	9/19/2014 7:38 AM
132	Love having so many parks !!	9/19/2014 1:55 AM

133	I love Midland City Parks and all you offer...!!	9/19/2014 12:22 AM
134	I know this is a City Park survey but I would LOVE to have a dog park in Sanford. :)	9/18/2014 10:40 PM
135	Have Tunes at the park on a different night please.	9/18/2014 10:29 PM
136	None at this time.	9/18/2014 10:28 PM
137	no	9/18/2014 10:08 PM
138	We would really love to see a parks program that had seasonal leagues for kids to take advantage of the parks--summer camps and bike clubs. The community center is pretty limited in outdoor space!	9/18/2014 10:04 PM
139	Love all of The cities many parks. Our family appreciates all the upkeep and improvements!	9/18/2014 9:55 PM
140	Yes. I love our parks!! Thank you for maintaining them. They increase our quality of life and the value of our community. Julie Ortiz-859-6259	9/18/2014 9:40 PM
141	We greatly appreciate the quality of our parks and recreation system here in Midland. Thank you.	9/18/2014 9:28 PM
142	Thanks. The santa calling program is great.	9/18/2014 9:11 PM
143	I enjoy the parks and the seem safe. I probably wouldn't go to Emerson Park or Stratford after dark unless others were there.	9/18/2014 9:01 PM
144	It would be nice to have Plymouth park driveway stop by the concession stand so the people going from the park to the concession stand don't have to worry about cars.	9/18/2014 8:55 PM
145	At Plymouth Park Pool have a pace clock running for lap swimming, backstroke flags up and play music during lap swimming	9/18/2014 8:47 PM
146	Please fix emerson park. Bring back the old days when every body used it.	9/18/2014 8:35 PM
147	It would be great to see improvements in the cleanliness of the pool and facilities. Numerous lifeguards are sunbathing or playing in the pool when they are not on post. In other pools they typically are helping clean up the facilities.	9/18/2014 8:35 PM
148	Change basket location on a few of the holes at disc golf course every now and then, just like golf courses do.	9/18/2014 8:33 PM
149	Multi use field at Kaufman park. Baseball football lacrosse soccer. Please and thank you	9/18/2014 8:16 PM
150	I would love to see more at Russel Park. There was a playground there at one time. All there is now are old swings. Families with younger kids can not use the school playground during the day and it would be nice for them to have playground in the neighborhood to walk to. It would also be nice for the kids on that side of the neighborhood.	9/18/2014 8:16 PM
151	Look into mixed use paths/sidewalks instead of bike lanes in the road. Especially along Eastman and Saginaw roads.	9/18/2014 7:55 PM
152	Midland offers many opportunities for my family to experience safe and fun activities. We enjoy the community and all that the City provides. The one improvement that I would like to see is new bathrooms at the Farmer's Market.	9/18/2014 7:44 PM
153	Midland is a great town with more to offer than anywhere else I can think of (except a seafood restaurant). Just need to utilize all those parks better. Reinstate summer kids program. Get them outside during the day	9/18/2014 7:42 PM
154	Could we make the paved path from The Dow Diamond through downtown to Emerson Park more of a cultural trail. Include some cool sculptures, make overpasses or bridges artistic, add more landscaping, lighting, outdoor cafe, outdoor bar, areas that encourage artists/entertainers to come play for the public.	9/18/2014 7:37 PM
155	I wish the City would pave the parking at City Forest. It continues to be extremely muddy particularly after the rain. In addition, the main bridge has been out for the last year plus. Makes no sense. Hope it gets fixed soon!!!	9/18/2014 7:28 PM
156	Please return to allowing personal toboggans on the runs at City Forest.	9/18/2014 7:25 PM
157	Let's put baseball fields in all parks - they would be utilized!	9/18/2014 6:43 PM
158	keep up the good work	9/18/2014 6:36 PM
159	Please please please do something to make the redcoats complex safer and nicer to play on. It may draw a bigger crowd. The numbers are dropping every year?	9/18/2014 6:24 PM



160	Adult hockey league is poorly managed.	9/18/2014 5:52 PM
161	Thank you	9/18/2014 5:31 PM
162	Midland does a great job of maintaining its parks! Absolutely love City Forest. Go sledding and tobogganing often. City Forest is completely unchanged since when I used to go there as a child 30 years ago and I hope it stays that way! I do not want any "improvements". It has a great rustic charm!	9/18/2014 5:23 PM
163	The city of Midland needs to put on a free summer recreation time similar to what is offered in Freeland at Tittabawassee park in Freeland on Wednesday mornings. There were many Midland residents at this program and all of us wondered why Midland does not offer a similar program. We also don't understand why canoe and paddleboat rentals are not readily available in this area. We could not find any organization to rent canoes from. We would really like to introduce our children to canoeing, but don't want to buy a canoe until we find out if they like it.	9/18/2014 5:20 PM
164	Barstow Dogs need to be on a leash	9/18/2014 5:07 PM
165	Thanks for making Midland beautiful!	9/16/2014 8:53 AM



Appendix B

Plan Adoption Documentation



APPENDIX I. COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: CITY OF MIDLAND PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2015-2019		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
CITY OF MIDLAND	MIDLAND	FEBRUARY 2015

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- ☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- ☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
 - ☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- ☒ Current Funding Sources
- ☒ Role of Volunteers
- ☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
- Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**
 - ☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
 - ☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**



☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- ☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

- ☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice January 7, 2015 / January 13, 2015

Type of Notice City website & Facebook / Local newspaper

Plan Location Midland Parks & Recreation, Grace A. Dow Library, www.cityofmidland.gov/recreation

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) January 7 – February 12, 2015

- ☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 30, 2015

Name of Newspaper Midland Daily News

Date of Meeting February 16, 2015

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting (public hearing and meeting where the plan was adopted)

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☐ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 16, 2015
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: February 3, 2015
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 23, 2015
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 23, 2015

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Midland

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Walter Miller 2/23/15
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants



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Posted on: January 7, 2015

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The draft plan will be available for a 30-day public review process as required by the MDNR. Comments can be submitted in writing to Midland City Hall, c/o Karen Murphy, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640 or via email to recreation@midland-mi.org. The deadline for submitting comments is February 12, 2015.

A public hearing on the proposed plan will be held during the February 16 City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Services at 989-837-6909.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Midland Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CITY OF MIDLAND RECREATION PLAN

The City of Midland Parks and Recreation Commission has developed a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015-2019, and will conduct a public hearing on the proposed plan at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 16, 2015 in Council Chambers, Midland City Hall, 333 W. Ellsworth.

Copies of the draft plan are available for review at the Midland Parks and Recreation office, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, and online at www.cityofmidland.gov/recreation. If you are interested in reviewing the plan or submitting comments regarding the draft, please send written comments to Midland City Hall, c/o Karen Murphy, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640 by Thursday, February 12, 2015.



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COUNTY OF MIDLAND

Hearing - Proposed City of
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St., Midland, MI 48640
by Thursday, February
12, 2015.

PAULA C. ST. LOUIS being duly sworn, disposes and says that I am
a representative of Midland Daily News, a daily newspaper published and
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STATE OF MICHIGAN


**Counties of Midland and Bay
CITY OF MIDLAND**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF MIDLAND**

I, KAREN MURPHY, Staff Liaison of the City of Midland Parks and Recreation Commission, Counties and State aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the attached copy of the resolution approved by the City of Midland Parks and Recreation Commission on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, recommending the Midland City Council adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2015-2019, with the original on file and that it is a true and correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the
Corporate Seal of the City of Midland, Michigan, this

4th day of February 2015



Karen Murphy, Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Liaison

CITY SEAL



Parks & Recreation ♦ 4811 North Saginaw Road ♦ Midland, Michigan 48640-2321 ♦ 989.837.6900 ♦ 989.835.5651 -Fax ♦ www.cityofmidlandmi.gov

WHEREAS, the City of Midland has undertaken a five-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019 and,

WHEREAS, a public input opportunity was provided via an online survey made public from September 15, 2014 through October 19, 2014 to provide an opportunity for citizens to share information on park usage, express opinions, and offer suggestions on all aspects regarding the future of the parks and recreation in the City of Midland, and

WHEREAS, the draft Parks & Recreation Master Plan was made available for review and public comment for a 30-day period from January 6, 2015, through February 12, 2015, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting is scheduled at the City Council meeting to be held February 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Midland has developed the Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the City of Midland Parks & Recreation Commission recommends that the Midland City Council adopt said Parks & Recreation Master Plan following the February 16 public hearing.

Yeas: 7


Nays: 0

Absent: 2

I declare that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Midland Parks & Recreation Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Attest


John Metevia, Chairperson


Karen Murphy, Staff Liaison



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CITY OF MIDLAND

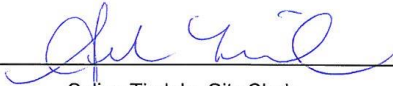
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CITY OF MIDLAND

I, SELINA TISDALE, Clerk of the City of Midland, Counties and State aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the attached copy of the resolution approved by the Midland City Council on Monday, February 16, 2015, approving the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015-19, with the original on file in the office of the City Clerk, 333 W. Ellsworth, Midland, Michigan and that it is a true and correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the
Corporate Seal of the City of Midland, Michigan, this

____ 24th ____ day of ____ February ____ 2015 ____

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Selina Tisdale, City Clerk

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BY COUNCILMAN ARNOSKY

WHEREAS, the City of Midland's Parks and Recreation Commission has worked with staff to update the current five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City followed all guidelines set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of the plan, including appropriate steps for public input; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended at their meeting of February 3, 2015 that City Council adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a final public hearing to receive public input on the plan at their February 16, 2015 meeting; now therefore


RESOLVED, that City Council formally adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015-2019 as presented.

YEAS: Adams, Arnosky, Brown Wilhelm, Donker, Wazbinski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I, Selina Tisdale, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a 5/0 yea vote of all the Councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 16, 2015.


Selina Tisdale, City Clerk



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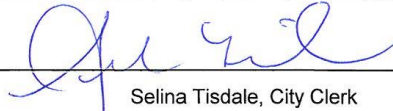
Counties of Midland and Bay
CITY OF MIDLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF MIDLAND

I, SELINA TISDALE, Clerk of the City of Midland, Counties and State aforesaid, Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the attached copy of the February 16, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes approved by the Midland City Council on Monday, February 23, 2015, with the original on file in the office of the City Clerk, 333 W. Ellsworth, Midland, Michigan and that it is a true and correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the
Corporate Seal of the City of Midland, Michigan, this

24th day of February 2015


Selina Tisdale, City Clerk

CITY SEAL



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February 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Donker presided. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited in unison.

Councilmen present: Thomas Adams, Steve Arnosky, Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Marty Wazbinski

Councilmen absent: None

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2015 regular meeting was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm. (Motion ADOPTED.)

BETTE R. TOLLAR CIVIC COMMITMENT AWARD & KEEP MICHIGAN BEAUTIFUL AWARD

Marcie Post, Parks Staff Liaison to the Beautification Advisory Committee, introduced Dick Touvell, Chippewa Nature Center Director, who spoke regarding the Nature Center receiving the Bette R. Tollar Civic Commitment Award and Keep Michigan Beautiful Award.

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Director of Public Services Karen Murphy presented information on the 2015-19 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A public hearing opened at 7:25 p.m., recognizing no public comments, the hearing closed at 7:25 p.m. The resolution was then offered by Councilman Arnosky and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm. Councilman Arnosky moved, seconded by Councilman Wazbinski, an amendment to the resolution to include the phrase "subject to available financial resources" be added to the end of the resolved clause. (Motion DENIED. Yeas: Arnosky Nays: Adams, Brown Wilhelm, Donker, Wazbinski) The following original resolution was then presented for consideration.

WHEREAS, the City of Midland's Parks and Recreation Commission has worked with staff to update the current five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City followed all guidelines set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of the plan, including appropriate steps for public input; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended at their meeting of February 3, 2015 that City Council adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a final public hearing to receive public input on the plan at their February 16, 2015 meeting; now therefore

RESOLVED, that City Council formally adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015-2019 as presented. (Motion ADOPTED.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION FEES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Director of Public Services Karen Murphy presented information on an ordinance to amend Section 21-4 of Article I of Chapter 21 – Yard Waste Collection Fees. Henry Holthof, resident of the First Ward, inquired about how the free portion of the free three program is funded and commented on the idea of moving to total bins for yard waste and no bags. The following ordinance amendment was then offered by Councilman Brown Wilhelm and seconded by Councilman Wazbinski:



ORDINANCE NO. 1773

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING SECTION 21-4 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 21 THEREOF.

The City of Midland Ordains:

Section 1. Section 21-4 of Article I of Chapter 21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21-4. Yard waste collection fees.

(a) Roll-out container. An annual total fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be charged to the owners or occupants of each premises requesting city collection of yard waste contained in the owners' or occupants' roll-out yard waste container(s).

An annual fee shall be charged to the owners or occupants of each premises requesting city collection of yard waste contained in the owners' or occupants' roll-out yard waste container(s) as follows:

(1) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for the first roll-out container;

(2) Seventeen dollars (\$17.00) for each additional roll-out container.

This fee must be paid to the city prior to the beginning of the city's collection service.

(b) Kraft paper yard waste bag collection sticker. A yard waste collection sticker must be affixed to each individual kraft paper yard waste bag that is placed at the curb for collection by the city. The fee for each yard waste collection sticker shall be forty cents (\$0.40).

(c) If residents with a roll-out container choose to set additional yard waste out in kraft paper bags, they must also affix a \$0.40 collection sticker to each bag.

(d) Waiver. Yard waste collection fees (whether for containers or yard waste bags) shall be waived during the three-week spring and fall cleanup periods, as such periods are designated by the director of public services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, yard waste collection fees may be waived during the fall leaf collection program upon approval by the city manager.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication. (Ordinance ADOPTED.)

PROJECT PRIORITIES LIST - SUGNET ROAD PROJECT

City Engineer Brian McManus presented a report on removing the Sugnet Road project from the 2015-16 Project Priorities List. The following resolution was then offered by Councilman Arnosky and seconded by Councilman Wazbinski:

WHEREAS, a project to construct Sugnet Road between Dublin Avenue and Whiting Drive, a new roadway, is listed on the current construction project priorities report presented to City Council on January 12, 2015 for funding approval in the F.Y. 2015-2016 Budget; and WHEREAS, the Sugnet Road project is primarily funded with Federal Funds and secondarily with a local city share; and

WHEREAS, at the January 12, 2015 meeting City Council requested additional information regarding the timing of said new construction project versus using available funds on an alternate existing deteriorated roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer provided a report at the February 16, 2015 City Council meeting outlining the history and purpose of the project which were the basis for listing the project on the project priorities report and the implications of switching projects under MDOT rules; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby agrees to remove the Sugnet Road project from the project priorities list for funding consideration in the F.Y. 2015-2016 Budget and requests that the project be reviewed next year during the project priorities process. (Motion DENIED. Yeas: Arnosky, Donker Nays: Adams, Brown Wilhelm, Wazbinski)



TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. D-14-01

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

RESOLVED, that Traffic Control Order No. D-14-01 filed November 24, 2014 pursuant to Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances to establish traffic control as follows:

That the intersection of Joe Mann Boulevard and the Wal-Mart /Home Depot driveway shall be controlled by traffic signal operation
is hereby made permanent. (Motion ADOPTED.)

SAGINAW-MIDLAND MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY CORP 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

RESOLVED, that the Saginaw-Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation 2014 Annual Report be received and filed in the office of the City Clerk. (Motion ADOPTED.)

CITY FOREST BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT REPORT

Director of Public Services Karen Murphy presented information and a staff report on the City Forest Bridge Replacement Project. The following resolution was then offered by Councilman Arnosky and seconded by Councilman Wazbinski:

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby receives and files the staff report on the City Forest bridge replacement project. (Motion ADOPTED.)

MPS – REQUEST TO CHARGE ADMISSION IN CITY PARKS

Director of Public Services Karen Murphy presented information on the request from Midland Public Schools to host and charge admission for athletic events. The following resolution was then offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, Midland Public Schools has expressed interest in charging for athletic events held in the City of Midland Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Parks staff has reviewed and supports the request for Midland Public Schools to charge for athletic events in the City of Midland Parks; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves Midland Public Schools' request to charge for athletic events in the City of Midland Parks. (Motion ADOPTED.)

MIDLAND RECYCLERS – 5K RUN/WALK AND 1 MILE WALK FUNDRAISING EVENT

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

RESOLVED, that the request from the Midland Recyclers to host the 1st annual Midland Recyclers 5K walk/run and 1 mile walk fundraising event on Saturday, May 9, 2015, utilizing City Forest, using amplified sound and charging an entry fee, is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

- Event organizer must provide certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, with the City of Midland named as Additional Insured for the date of the event. The certificate must be submitted to the City Parks and Recreation Office as soon as possible.
- Event organizers have approval to charge an entry fee to participants.
- Use of City Forest is non-exclusive and there may be other people utilizing the area.
- PA system must be arranged through City Parks and Recreation Department.

; and



RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Parks and Recreation Staff is hereby authorized to approve future requests for the event provided it is conducted in substantially the same manner. (Motion ADOPTED.)

PLANNING COMMISSION – BORDEN RESIGNATION

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Bruce Borden as a member of the Planning Commission is hereby accepted, effective March 10, 2015, and the Administration is directed to convey the Council's appreciation to Mr. Borden for his service on this important Commission. (Motion ADOPTED.)

CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTRACT RENEWAL

Director of Public Services Karen Murphy presented information on a five-year extension to the contract with Tri-County Refuse Services, Inc. d/b/a Republic Services of Pinconning for curbside recycling collection services. The following resolution was then offered by Councilman Arnosky and seconded by Councilman Adams:

WHEREAS, at the June 28, 2010 meeting of City Council, Council approved a five-year agreement with Tri-County Refuse Service Inc., d/b/a Republic Services of Pinconning, to provide single-stream curbside recycling collection services; and

WHEREAS, the original bid provided for a contract extension if mutually agreed upon by both parties; and

WHEREAS, Republic Services presented the City with a request to extend the contract for an additional five years at the same annual cost increase of 3% as stated in the original agreement; and

WHEREAS, Public Services staff are supportive of the contract extension as it will provide continuity of recycling services that the residents have grown accustomed to over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, staff also supports a contract extension as Republic Services have been good to work with and responsive to issues over the duration of the current contract; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a five-year agreement to extend the current contract with Tri-County Refuse Service Inc., d/b/a Republic Services of Pinconning. (Motion ADOPTED.)

ANNUAL PURCHASE OF BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were advertised and received in accord with Article II of Chapter 2 of the Midland Code of Ordinances for furnishing bituminous materials; and

WHEREAS, funds have been provided in the Local and Major Street Fund budgets; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a purchase order to Pyramid Paving & Contracting Co. of Bay City, Michigan for furnishing and loading onto City trucks approximately 800 tons of Bituminous Mixture #2 for hot mix patching at a cost of \$49.45 per ton in accordance with the proposal and City specifications. (Motion ADOPTED.)



ANNUAL PURCHASE OF CRUSHED LIMESTONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were advertised and received in accord with Article II of Chapter 2 of the Midland Code of Ordinances for furnishing 22A Crushed Limestone; and
WHEREAS, funds have been provided in the General Fund and Local and Major Street Fund budgets; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a purchase order to Bunting Sand & Gravel Products, Inc. of West Branch, Michigan for delivering approximately 2,500 tons of 22A Crushed Limestone at a cost of \$13.75 per ton in accordance with the proposal and City specifications. (Motion ADOPTED.)

ANNUAL PURCHASE OF CLASS II SAND

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were advertised and received in accord with Article II of Chapter 2 of the Midland Code of Ordinances for furnishing Class II Sand; and
WHEREAS, funds have been provided in the General Fund and Local and Major Street Fund budgets; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a purchase order to Tri-City Groundbreakers of Midland, Michigan for delivering approximately 3,500 cubic yards of Class II Sand at a cost of \$7.25 per cubic yard in accordance with the proposal and City specifications. (Motion ADOPTED.)

ANNUAL PURCHASE OF CONCRETE

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were advertised and received in accord with Article II of Chapter 2 of the Midland Code of Ordinances for concrete and related materials; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are included in the Operating Supplies line item in General Fund and Street Fund activities and the total amount of purchases will not exceed the funding; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a purchase order to Elmers Crane and Dozer, Inc. of Traverse City, Michigan for furnishing concrete and related materials at the unit prices contained in their February 3, 2015 response to our Bid No. 3684 in accord with the proposal and the City specifications. (Motion ADOPTED.)

UNLEADED AND DIESEL FUEL PURCHASE

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, City Council adopted a resolution on December 17, 2007 that allows the Purchasing Agent to purchase full tankers of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel exceeding \$20,000, and seek approval for the purchase at the next City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, City Council reviewed the process on December 21, 2009 and decided to continue as it still provides a significant cost savings to the City; and

WHEREAS, the volatility of the fuel market does not allow for staff to follow the usual sealed bid process for purchases exceeding \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, staff instead uses a competitive bid process whereby fuel vendors fax in prices that are valid for a particular day with the bid awarded to the lowest priced vendor; now therefore



RESOLVED, that the requirements for sealed proposals for the purchase of fuel are waived due to the volatility of the fuel market; and
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the purchase of 12,994 gallons of E10 ethanol blend unleaded and 12,700 gallons of Winter Blend diesel fuel from Paxson Oil of Saginaw, Michigan for \$42,387.63 executed by the Purchasing Agent on February 2, 2015, is hereby approved. (Motion ADOPTED.)

WATER DISTRIBUTION – RESTORATION SERVICES

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, over the course of a year, the City's Water Distribution Department repairs water mains, installs new services, and replaces corroded bolts and fittings throughout the water distribution system, and relies on contractors to make the necessary above-ground restoration repairs caused by these activities; and
WHEREAS, sealed bids for Restoration Services, Bid 3680, have been advertised and received in accord with Section 2-18 of the Midland Code of Ordinances; and
WHEREAS, funding is available in the 2015 Fiscal Water Enterprise Fund Budget for the purpose of restoration services; now therefore
RESOLVED, that the bid submitted by Tri-City Groundbreakers, Inc. of Midland, for the indicated unit prices, is accepted and a purchase order is hereby authorized in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for restoration services through the end of Fiscal 2015; and
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Manager is authorized to approve changes to the purchase order in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Motion ADOPTED.)

HOMER TOWNSHIP – URBAN COOPERATION ACT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wazbinski and seconded by Councilman Brown Wilhelm:

WHEREAS, the City of Midland desires to amend the Urban Cooperation Act Agreement between the City of Midland and the Township of Homer dated January 4, 1995 in order to extend the expiration date to December 31 of the year of the twentieth (20th) payment of shared revenue generated from the last remaining parcel annexed to the City within the Midland Urban Growth Area; and
WHEREAS, the Urban Cooperation Act (Public Act 7 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1967 (Ex Sess)) requires that a public hearing be held prior to approval of an agreement that provides for the sharing of revenue between the parties; now therefore
RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held before the City Council on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, Michigan, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the appropriate notice in accord with the Urban Cooperation Act. (Motion ADOPTED.)

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Selina Tisdale, City Clerk



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February 23, 2015

East Michigan Council of Governments
3144 Davenport Avenue
Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: City of Midland Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed a copy of the recently adopted five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Midland. If you have any questions regarding the plan, please feel free to contact me at kmurphy@midland-mi.org or by telephone at (989) 837-6909.

Regards,

Karen Murphy
Director of Public Services
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